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HENRY THE
VIII. BY THE GRACE

OF GOD KYNGE OF ENGLAND
AND OF FRANCE, DEFENDER

of the fayth, Lorde of Irelande, and in earth supreme hed
immediatly vnder Christ of the churche of Englande, to
the honour of almyghty God, conseruation of the true
doctrine of Christes religion, and for the concorde quiet
and vvelth of this his Realme and subiectes of the same
helde his moste hyghe court of Parliament begonne at

VVestm the. xxviii. daye of Aprill, and there

continued tyll the. xxviii. daye of Iune,

the. xxxi. yere of his most noble

and victorious reigne, vvher-

in vvhere establyshed

these actes folo-

vvinge.

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in common. Capitulo primo.



FOR AS MOCHE AS by the common lawes of this realme dyuers of the kynges subiectes, beinge seised of maners landes tenementes and hereditamentes, as ioynte tenants, or as tenants in common, with other of any estate of inheritaunce, in their owne ryghtes, or in the ryghte of their wyues, by purchas descent or otherwise, and euery of them so beinge ioynt tenants, or tenants in common, haue lyke right title interest and possession in the same maners landes tenementes and hereditamentes for their partes or portions ioyntly or in common vndeuidedly together with other, and none of them by the lawe dothe or may knowe theyr seuerall partes or portions in the same, or that that is his or theirs by it selfe vndeuided: & can not by the lawes of this realme otherwise occupy or take the pofites of the same, or make any seuerance diuision or partition therof, without other of their mutuall assentes and consentes: by reason wherof diuers and many of them, being so ioyntly and vndeuidedly seised of the said maners landes tenementes and hereditamentes, oftentymes of their peruers couetous and malicious myndes and wylles, ayenst all right, iustyce, equitie, and good conscience, by strength and power, haue not only cutte and fallen downe all the woddes and trees growynge vppon the same, but also haue extirped subuerted, pulled downe, and destroyed al the houses edificacions and buyldynges medowes pastures commons, and the holle commodities of the same, and haue taken and conuerted theym to their owne vses and behofes, to the open wronge and disherison, and ayenst the myndes and wylles of other, holdynge the same maners landes tenementes and hereditamentes ioyntly or in common with them, and they haue ben always without assured remedy for the same. Be it therfore enacted by the king our most dreadde souerayne lord, and by thassent of his lordes spirituall and temporall, and by the commons in this present parliament assembled, that al ioynttenauntes, and tenauntes in common that now be, or hereafter shall be, of any estate or estates of inheritaunce in their owne ryghtes, or in the right of their wyues of any maners landes tenementes or hereditamentes within this realme of Englande, wales, or the marches of the same, shal and may be coacted and compellyd, by vertue of this present acte, to make partition betwene them of all suche maners landes tenementes and hereditamentes as they now holde, or hereafter shal holde as ioynt tenants or tenants in comon, by wytte *De participatione facienda*, in that case to be deuyded in the king our souerayne lordes courte of Chancery, in lyke maner and fourme as coparceners by the common lawes of this realme, haue ben and ar compellable to do, and the same wytte to be pursued at the common lawe.

¶ Provided alway and be it enacted, that euery of the sayde ioynt tenants or tenauntes in common, and their heires, after suche partition made,

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shall and may haue ayde of the other, or of their heires, to the entent to de-
taigne the warrantie paramount, and to recouer for the rate, as is vled be-
twene coperceners after partition made by the order of the common lawe,
any thynge in this acte conteyned to the contrary not withstandinge.

CAn acte that fyshynge in any seuerall ponde stewe or mote
with an intent to steale fysh out of the same
is felony. Captt. ii.



HERE AS DIVERS and many of the lordes, knyghtes,
esquiers, gentylmen, and other the kynges subiectes with-
in this his realme, at their greatte costes and charges haue
caused to be made within their seueral groundis many pon-
des stewes and motes, and stoyed them with dyuers kyndes
of fyshes, as pikes byames Carpes tenches and other fyl-
shes, wherof they haue thought to haue had great commoditie, as well for
the pleasure of their frendes, as for their owne commoditie and profite to-
wardes the necessary fyndynge of their houses, dyuers and manye lyghte
and vreasonable persons of this realme, being of no good rule nor hone-
stie, lyttell or nothyng regardynge god, the feare of theyr soueraygne lord
the kynges highnes, nor his lawes, haue not only fylshed the sayde pondes
stewes and motes, as well by nyghte as by daye, with nettes hookes and
baites of dyuers sortes, but also with great nomber of mystruled persones,
haue entred into suche groundes, and there, with great violence haue bro-
ken by the heedes of the sayd pondes, stewes, and motes, and destroyed and
taken the fysh of the same pondes stewes and mootes, to the greate dys-
pleasures and losses of the owners of the sayde pondes stewes and motes,
and contrary to all good reason ryght and conscience. wherfore be it enac-
ted by the kyng our sayde soueraygne lord, with the assent of the lordes
spirituall and tempozall, and the commons in this present parlyament as-
sembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, that as welles all maner of fyl-
shynge with any nettes hokes or baites of what kynde so euer they be, in
any seuerall ponde stewe or mote, with an entente to steale fysh out of the
same, doone or comytted at any tyme after the feast of the Natyuite of
saynte John Baptiste nexte comynge, that is to saye, in the. xxxi.
pere of the reygne of our sayde soueraygne lord, from the howe of syre in
the euentide, vnto the howe of syre in the moynynge, ayensse the wylls
and myndes of the owners or possessioners of suche pondes stewes or mo-
tes, as also the vnlawfull breakinge by of the heed of any seuerall ponde
stewe or mote, by daye or by night, after the sayd feast, without colour of ti-
tle so to do, wherby any fysh of the same ponde stewe or mote is taken or de-
stroyed, against the will or mynde of the owner or possessioner of the same,
be to all intentes deuied taken and adjudged felony: and that those persons
so offendynge, shall haue and suffer all suche peynes of deathe and punysh-
mentes,

mentes, as other felons ought to haue and suffre for felony by the course of the lawes of this realme.

¶ And also be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that yf any suche euill disposed persons, after the feast before limited, do fynd in the day tyme, at any other tyme then is before reherced, in any suche seuerall poudes, stewes or motes, with any maner of nettes hookes or baytes, as is aforesayde, what kynde so euer they be of, against the will pleasure & mynde of the owners or possessors of the same seuerall poudes stewes or motes, not haupnge any maner of colour of title so to do, and therof be lawfully conuicted at the sute of our soueraigne lord the kynge, or the partie greued: that then the sayd parties so conuicted, shall suffre imprisonment by the space of thre monethes, and after the sayde thre monethes expired, shall fynde sufficient suretie for his or their good aberinge, or els to remayne still in pryson without bayle or mainpryse, vnto such tyme he or they can fynd such suretie.

¶ An acte changinge the custome of Gauelekynde. Chap. iii.



The kynge our soueraigne lord, for dyuers consyderacions his maiestie mouinge, by auctoritie of this his hyghe court of parliament, enacteth or beyneeth and establissheth, that as well all the lordships maners landes tenementes woddes pastures rentes seruices reuerfions remayndres aduoufons & all other what so euer hereditamentes, set lyenge and beyng within his countie of Kent, of the which Thomas Crumwell knight of the honozable order of the Garter lord Crumwell of Wyndesore, lord priuie seale, Thomas Burgh knight lord Burgh, George Broke knight lord Cobham, Andrew Wyndesore knight lord Wyndesore, Thomas Cheyne knyght treasurer of our sayde soueraigne lord the kynges most honourable housholde, Christofer Hales knight maister of the tolles of our sayd soueraigne lordes court of Chancery, Thomas Willoughby knight one of the iuges of the kynges court of the comen place, Anthony Seyntleger knight Edward Wotton knight, Edward Boueton knyght, Roger Cholmeley knight seriaunt at lawe, John Champneys knight, John Baker squier our sayde soueraigne lord the kynges generall attourney, Reynolde Scotte squier, John Guldeford squier, Thomas kempe squier, Edward Thwaytis squier, William Rooper squier, Anthony Sandis squier, Edwards Isaac squier, Percuall Hart squier, Edward Honyns squier, William whetnall squier, John fogge squier, Edmond fetyplace squier, Thomas Hardys squier, William waller squier, Thomas willford squier, Thomas Hoyle squier, Thomas Harlakyn den esquier, Gessrey Lee squier, James Hales, Henry Hulse, and Thomas Roydon gentylmen, or any of them is or be seyled to his or their owne vse or vles, in fee simple or in fee taylor, the whiche now bene of the tenure and nature of Gauelekynde, & here tofore haue bene departed, or be departible betwene heires males, by the

¶ iii.

customs

custome of Gauekynde, shall from henceforth be clerely chaunged from the
 sayd custome tenure & nature of Gauekynde, & in no wyse hereafter be de-
 parted oꝝ departible by the sayd custome of Gauekynde, betwene heyres ma-
 les, but shall remayne reuerce abyde descende come and be after and accor-
 ding as lordships maners landes tenementes and other hereditamētes do
 oꝝ may descende remayne reuerce abyde come oꝝ be, accordinge to the com-
 mon lawe of this realme, and as other maners landes and tenementes be-
 yng in the sayd countie of Kent, whiche neuer were holden by seruice of so-
 cage, but be & alwayes haue bene holden by knight seruice, do descende re-
 mayne reuerce abyde come & be: And in lyke maner to descende, & be descen-
 dable, remayne reuerce come & be inheritable to the heyre oꝝ heyres, after &
 accordinge to the sayd common lawes of this realme of England. And that
 all & singular the sayd lordshippes, maners, landes, tenementes, & other
 hereditamentes with thappurtenaunces of the sayd lord Crumwell, lord
 Burgh, lord Cobham, lord Wyndesore, Thomas Chepne, Christofer Hales,
 Thomas Willoughby, Anthony Seyntleger, Edward Wotton, Edward Boueton,
 Roger Cholmeley, John Champneys, John Baker, Reynolde Scotte, John
 Guldeford, Thomas Kempe, Edward Chwattis, William Roper, Anthony
 Sandys, Edward Isaac, Percival Hart, Edward Monyns, William Wetherall,
 John Fogg, Edmond Fetyplace, Thomas Hardres, William Waller, Thomas
 Willford, Thomas Wyle, Thomas Harlakynde squier, Geoffrey Lee, James
 Hales, Henry Hulse, and Thomas Roppon, oꝝ any of theym, and which befoze
 the makinge of this acte haue bene of the sayd nature and tenure of Gauekynde,
 in the sayd countie of Kent, shall from henceforth be accepted taken inheri-
 tited deemed & iudged to be, lyke as lordships maners landes tenementes,
 and other hereditamentes at the common lawe of this realme, and in suche
 maner and forme, as yf the same maners lordships landes tenementes and
 other hereditamentes had neuer bene of the sayd nature of Gauekynde,
 any vsage oꝝ custome in the sayde countie of Kent heretofore had
 accepted oꝝ vsed to the contrary notwithstandinge. Sauinge alwayes
 and reseruinge to all and singular persons, other than the sayde
 lord Crumwell, lord Burgh, lord Cobham, lord Wyndesore, Thomas
 Chepne, Christofer Hales, Thomas Willoughby, Anthony Seyntleger,
 Edward Wotton, Edward Boueton, Roger Cholmeley, John Champneys,
 John Baker, Reynold Scotte, John Guldeford, Thomas Kempe, Edward
 Chwaites, William Roper, Anthony Sandys, Edward Isaac, Percival
 Hart, Edward Monyns, William Wetherall, John Fogg, Edmond Fetyplace,
 Thomas Hardres, William Waller, Thomas Willford, Thomas Wyle,
 Thomas Harlakynde squier, Geoffrey Lee, James Hales, Henry Hulse,
 & Thomas Roppon, oꝝ any of the, & to euery of the, ayenst any
 other of the, all such right title interest & inheritance, as they oꝝ
 any of the had befoze the makinge of this acte, of to oꝝ in any of
 the sayd maners landes tenentes woddess pastures retes seruices
 reuercions remainders aduousons & other pꝛmisses, as if this
 present acte had neuer ben had nor made.

An acte concerninge the amendinge of the ryuer and port
of Exeter. Capi. iiii.



A most humble wpsle shewen vnto your hyghnes your true and faithfull subiectes, the mayze baylyffes and commonal tie of your cite of Exetour, that where of olde antiquitie as well the citelens and dwellers within your sayde cite as all other both denysens and straungers, applieng & comming from any partes of beyond the see, oz of this realme to your port of Exeter, haue had course and recourse with their Shippes botes and vessels goodes and marchaundises in the ryuer of Exe, to and from the hye see, vnto your sayde cite, to the great commoditie, common welth, & profit of your sayde cite, and all the countrey therabout, as by diuers recordes & wytynges, remaiyninge as well in your sayd cite as also at xxestm, playnly both appeare: which commoditie of longe tyme hath bene so destituted and letted by wepyes and dyuynge of sandes and grauell, by course of the water, into the sayd ryuer, and other lettes and noplances, that at this day, and of longe tyme past, Shippes botes and vessels haue not had ne yet can haue their course to and from your sayd cite, as of olde tyme they haue had by reason wherof your sayd suppliantes of longe tyme haue ben and yet be compelled and enforced to carpy their goodes and marchaundises from the Shippes boates and vessels to your sayd cite by lande, to their perely charges of. CCCC. markes sterlinges and aboue, besyde great hurtes and losses taken in their sayd goodes and marchaundises by the cartiers of the same which hath not onely bene and yet dayly is to the gret hurt decay and enpoueryng of the marchantes of your sayd cite, but also of the countrey theraboutes by reason of the ouerflowing and drowninge of the medowes pastures and ground lyenge by the sayd ryuer, with the hygh springes of the see & the fluddes of the fresh water coming to the sayd ryuer, & by reason of which charges susteyned in carieng their goodes & marchaundises by lande vnto the sayd cite, as is befoze sayd, the marchantes & owners of the sayd wares & marchaundises are dyuyn to fel the same moch moze dery than they wold do, yf the sayd marchaundises myght be coueyed & brought vnto y sayd cite by water, to the great hurt & pzeiudice of al your graces subiectes in y sayd parties. for reformation wherof, it may please your hyghnes, of your most noble & abundant grace, with thassent of your lordes spirituall & temporal, & the comons in this present parliament assembled, & by auctoritie of y same, to enact ordeyn & establysh, y it may & shalbe lawful, at al tymes after y feast of Easter now next coming, to your sayd suppliantes maire baylyffes & comminaltie of your sayd cite of Exetoz, & their successors, to pluck down dyg moyne bzeke bank & cast by al & al maner of weires rockes sandis grauell & other lettes & noplances, whatsoeuer they be in y sayd ryuer, & also in other places & ground coueniēt & necessary for y same whosoever they be, lyeng betwen your said cite & y hygh see, & further to do & make al other thinges requisite & necessary, wherby y said Shippes botes and vessels may haue

haue their sure course and recourse in the sayd cytye, to and from your sayd
 citie, and there to charge and discharge the sayd gooddes and marchandises
 without let or disturbance of any person or persons, gyvinge and pay-
 eng thether to the lord or lordes, owner and owners of the soile, where
 suche dyggynge and mynyng shalbe, in recompence and satisfaction of &
 for the lande and grounde so to be dygged and myned, after the rate of .xx.
 pences purchase, or els as moche, for the same, as shalbe adiuged or depned
 and determined by the kynges iustices of assise in the countie of Deuon for
 the tyme beyng, the election & libertie of which recompence and satisfaction
 so to be had, to be at the choyce of the lordes and owners of the sayd landes
 and tenementes, without any let denier veration or trouble of the sayd lord
 lordes owner and owners, or any other person or persons, by sute in the law
 or other wyse, vpon payne of forfeiture of .xx. li. of lesull money of Englad
 for every tyme that they or any of them do attempt the contrary therof, wher-
 of the one halfe shalbe to our sayd soueraygne lord, and the other halfe to
 him or them, that will sue therfore by action of det byll playnt or informati-
 on in any the kynges courtes, wherein the partie defendant shall not wage
 his lawe, nor in the sayde action actions or sutes any essoyr licence nor pro-
 tection shalbe allowed. And also gyvinge and payeng to the tenantes fer-
 mers and occupiers of suche lande or grounde for suche hurte and losses, as
 they or any of them shall susteyne and haue by the same, as moche as shalbe
 assessed adiuged and determined by the sayde iustices of assises in the sayde
 countie of Deuon for the tyme beyng, or by suche persons as by them shal
 be assigned and deputed for the same. The sayde recompence and satisfacti-
 on as well concerninge the lordes and owners of the sayde lande & ground,
 as to the tenantes fermers & occupiers of the same, to be payd by the maiere
 bayliffes and commonaltie of the sayde citie for the tyme beyng, and their
 successours within the space of sixe weekes next after the ratinge assessinge &
 determininge of the same, onles that the maiere bayliffes and commonaltie
 of the sayd citie, and their successours, can other wyse compounde or agree
 with the lordes owners tenantes fermers and occupiers of suche land and
 grounde or with any of them. And in case it happen the Mayre bayliffes &
 commonaltie of the sayd citie to make defaute of payement of the sayd recō-
 pence and satisfaction, and resist to pay the same, as is befoze reherced, that
 than the lord or lordes, owner, owners, tenantes, fermers, or occupiers of
 suche lande or ground, that is greued therwith, and to whome the satisfac-
 tion and recompence ought to be payde, shall & may lawfully commence at
 ferme or take his or their action of det by the course of the common lawe, a-
 gainst the Mayre, bayliffes, & commonaltie of the sayde cytye for the tyme
 being, & their successours, for the recovery of the same in any countie with-
 in this realme, at the will & pleasure of the partie greued, & lyke proces then
 vpon to be had, as in actions of det at the common lawe, grounded by cō-
 tract or specialties, hath bled to be had, in the which actions of det suite or
 sutes to be had, no wager of law essoyr licences nor protection shalbe allowed.

An acte wherby the kynges maner of Hampton court is made an honour, and a newe chale therto belongyng. Cap. v.



Asmoche as it hath pleased the kyng our most excellent & most
 dyad souerayne lord of late to erecte buylde and make a goodly
 sumptuous beautiful and princely manour, decent & conuenient
 for a kyng, and the same hath ornatid with parkes gardeins or-
 chardes & other thinges of great comoditie & pleasure therunto
 adiopynyng, mete and partinent to his copall maiestie, mooste requisite for
 the prosperous continuance of his most royal person, which the subiectes of
 this his realme most entierly aboute all worldly thinges chiefly desyre of al-
 myghty god: his grace ensuing the aduancement & amplication of his rea-
 sonable and princely comodities to be nye vnto his said manour, heretofore
 of late hath assigned & limited a certayne territoire or grounde for a chace
 therof to be made, for nourtynge generation and feedynge of beastes of
 venery and of foules of warden: and for furnytur and perfection thereof,
 the kynges maiestie by indenture made betwene his grace on the one parte,
 and sye Richard Page knight, Thomas Hennage esquier, John Carleton,
 John Agmondesham, Thomas a downe gentylmen, Robert Alcetour, Ro-
 bert Hamond, & diuers other honest and substanciall men, named in the said
 indenture, for & in the name of all fre tenants, hauing any estate of inheri-
 tance, and in the name of all customary tenants, haupng any astate of in-
 heritance by custome, of or in any landes or tenementes, within the procin-
 ctes of the sayde Territoire or grounde, limited and assigned for the sayde
 Chace & warden, hath certainly & plainly declared the procinctes, limites and
 bites & boundis of the same Territoire or ground, & his graces liberties priu-
 leges & comodities to be had in & vpon the same: the tenor of which sayd in-
 denture herafter plainly & fully insueth, is to say, THIS INDENTURE
 made the fyrst day of October, in the. XXIX. yere of the reigne of our most
 excellent & most dyad souerain lord HENRY the eight, by the grace of god
 kyng of Englande and of Fraunce, defendour of the faith, lord of Irelande,
 & in erth supreme hed of the church of England, betwene the same our soue-
 rayn lord the kyng of thone partie, and sye Richard Page knight, Thomas
 Hennage esquier, John Carleton, John Agmondesham, Thomas a Downe
 gentylmen, Robert Alcetour, Robert Hamonde, Thomas Stakforde, Ri-
 charde Wykar, John a Gate thelder, John a Gate the yonger, willia Stak-
 forde, John Boughton, Richarde Biers, Germyn Bandall, John wolfe,
 william floiter, Richard Hunt, John Cony, Robert Parker, willia Tyce,
 Richarde wheteley, Robert Noztrige, John Machin, John Baro, Richard
 Woodclerk the yonger, John Clere, John Grenette, Richard Heyward, Chyt-
 roker Dositret, Richard wolf, John Bulworth, Thomas Druet, Thomas
 Noztingham, John Noztrige, willia west, John Hardwyn, Richard New-
 ma, John Hamond the yonger, John Blake, John Daly, George Chetw, Cle-
 ment Garred, John Hamond thelder, Ambrose Grenette, Walter Caluerley,
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Richard Ale, Lionell Browne, Robert Hall, Thomas Marche, Thomas Skete, John Berpman, John London, John Woodhous, John Grene, and John Wolke, for and in the name of all the free tenauntes, haupnge any estate of inheritance, and in the name of all customary tenants, haupnge any estate of inheritance by custome of and in any landes or tenementes within the lordships maners townes and villages of Estmulsey, Westmulsey, Walton, Ether, Weybridge, and part of Cobham, and other parishes, villages, and hamlettis, what so euer they be within the limittis of the chace that is named to be callyd Hampton courte chace, of the other parte, witnesseth, that where our sayd souerayne lord the kyng hath of late erected builded and made within the countie of Middelfer, a goodly sumptuous hous, beautifull and princely manour, mete and conuenient for a kynge, and the same endewed with parkes or chardes gardeynes, and other great commodities and pleasures therunto adioynning and belongyng, and his grace intending the prosperous continuance and preservation as well of his moste to all persone, as for the fournyshynge of the manour with manyfold thinges of pleasure, for the dispozte, pastyme, comfozte, and consolation of his hyghnesse, his heires and successours, his graces pleasure is to erecte and make a Chace about the said manour, for the increace of venery and fowle of warren, whiche Chace shall be callyd Hampton courte chace: and that the sayd lordshippes maners, townes, and byllages of Estmulsey, Westmulsey, Walton, Ether, Weybridge, and part of the towne or village of Cobham, in the countie of Surff, and all landes tenementes medowes lesues woddes, & pastures lienge and beinge within the limites metes and boundes hereafter declared, shall be had reputed and taken within the sayde Chace, and to be parcell therof to all intentes and purposes, whiche metes & boundes are limited appoynted and do extend as foloweth, That is to wyt, at & from the Chemmis syde, on the south syde of the manor of Hampton court directly as the pale shall be newly erected made and sette to Cobham, and so forth as the pale shall leade and be sette aboute Cobham parke pale, of Byllette parke, and from thens folowynge the same pale to the water of Wey, and so forth by the south syde of the ruer of Wey, and the ruer of Chemmis, vnto the fyrst commment and begynnynge of the sayd pale. Wherefore it is condescended granted concluded and fully agreed betwene the sayd parties to these indentures by these presentes. And our sayde souerayne lord the kyng in accomplisment of his graces plesure, by these presentes doth ordeyne make erecte publyshe and declare the sayd Chace. And that the sayd lordshippes manors townes and byllages of Estmulsey, Westmulsey, Walton, Ether, Weybridge, and parte of Cobham, and all landes, tenementes, medowes, woddes, lesues, and pastures lyeng and beinge within the limites metes and boundes afoze named, shall be from hensforth free chace and warren for all maner beastes of venery and foule of warren, and shall haue all suche and lyke lyberties iurisdictiones and preeminences as any ancient Chace or forest within this realme hath or of right ought to haue: and every person

person and persons, that shall fortune hereafter to trespass or offend within the sayde newe chace, shall incurre and runne into lyke daunger penalties, losse, and forsaiture, as if the same offence had ben done or committed in any other chace or forreste within this realme of Englande: And that the sayde newe chace be from hensforth named and called Hampton court chace. And it is further condiscended, graunted, and agreed betwene the sayde partyes by these presentes, and our sayde souerayne lord the kynge for hym, his heires, and successours, promyleth, graunteth, and agreeth to and with the sayde s^r Rycharde Bage, Thomas Hennage, John Carleton, John Agmondelham, Thomas a Downe, and all other the sayd tenants and freeholders, theyr heires and assignes, that it shall be laufulle to the same s^r Rycharde Bage, Thomas Hennage, John Agmondelham, John Carleton, Thomas a Downe, and other the tenants aboute named, and to all other persones, beinge freeholders within the sayde Chace, and to euery of them, their heires and assignes, to felle cutte downe and carpe away at all tyme and tymes hereafter, at his or theyr pleasure, all and parcell of his or theyr woddes, groues, copies, and spynges, growynge and beinge within the sayde chace, without lycence of the kynges highnes, his heires or successours, or of any offycer within the sayde chace, and without lette and interruption of the same officers, or any of them. And also that it shalbe laufull to the sayde s^r Rycharde Bage, Thomas Hennage, John Carleton, John Agmondelham, Thomas a Downe, and other the tenants aboute named, and all other persons, as well freeholders as coppe holders as customarpe tenants within the lymittes of the sayde chace, and to euery of them, their heires and assignes, at all tyme and tymes hereafter, to make the hedges and fences aboute their coine, growynge vpon their owne grounde within the sayde chace, at theyr owne wyll and pleasure, to kepe out the dere therof, durynge all suche tyme onely, as the coine shall growe vpon the same grounde. And that the officers of the said chace, durynge the same tyme, shall suffre the same hedges and fences to stande and to remayne, to the intent aboute sayde. And after euery suche time as the coine shall be serued and caried awaye, it shall be laufulle to the officers of the sayde chace to make dere leapes and breakes in the sayde hedges and fences, for asid to the entente that the dere maye haue course and recouise into the grounde, where the coine was sowen, for their feedynge, durynge all suche tyme as the same landes shall be and remayne bnsowen.

And in consyderation thereof, our sayde souerayne lord the kynge, for hym, his heires and successours is pleased and contented, that his and theyr officers of the reuenues within the lymittes of the same chace, shall perely for euer at euery payement, defalke, allowe, and deducte the thyrde parte of the free rente, that euery freeholder oughte to paye for theyr seueralle freeholdes within the lymittes of the same Chace. And also the kynges hyghenesse is pleased and contented, that where any customarpe tenant, or tenants haupnge any estates of inherytaunce in any customarpe

many landes or tenementes within the said chace, after the custome of any
 maner there, wherof the same customary landes or tenementes beinge hol-
 den, for the whiche customarpe landes or tenementes, the next heire of eue-
 ry suche customarpe tenaunt, after the death of his auncestour, and ac-
 cordinge to the same custome ought to paye fyne, in euerye suche case the
 kynges officers of the reuenues within the sayde Chace, shall defalke, de-
 ducte, and allowe to the nexte heire of euery such tenant, dieng seised of any
 customary landes or tenementes within the lymittes of the sayde chace, the
 moortie or halfe of euerye suche fyne, that he by the sayde custome ought to
 paye for his landes there: the same fyne to be rated and assessed after the
 rate of the fyne that the same tenaunt soo dienge seised, laste payde to the
 lord therof, for the same landes or tenementes, and not otherwise. And that
 the moortie of euerye suche fyne be conteyned in euery coppe, that hereafter
 shall be made to anye suche tenaunte, by the offycers of the courtes of eue-
 rye suche manour within the lymittes of the sayde Chace. And the sayde
 Rycharde Page, Thomas Pennage, John Carleton, John Agmon-
 desham, Thomas a Downe, and other the tenauntes and freeholders of
 the sayde lordeshippes, manours, townes, and byllages of Estmulsey,
 Westmulsey, Walton, Elther, Weybridge, and parte of Cobham, doo co-
 uenant and graunte, and euery of theym for hym and his heires couenan-
 teth and graunteth to and with our sayde soueraygne lord the kyng, his
 heires and successours, that they and all other the tenants and freeholders,
 within the lymittes of the sayde chace, and euery of theym, shall at all ty-
 mes hereafter stande to obey performe, and kepe, within the sayde chace,
 all and singulare suche lawes, ordynaunces, penalties, fynes, and amer-
 cymentes, as appertayne to a chace, and all suche as hereafter shall be
 prouided or made by any lawe or statute, concernynge the preservation or
 mayntenaunce of the sayde chace: excepte and onely reserued to the sayde
 tenauntes, all suche liberties and commodities before by these presentes
 vnto theym appoynted and lymitted within the sayde chace. In wytnesse
 wherof our sayde soueraigne lord the kyng to the one parte of these pre-
 sente Indentures, remaynyng with the sayde freeholders and customa-
 ry tenauntes hath caused his greate seale of Englande to be putte: and
 to the other parte of the same Indentures, remaynyng with our sayde
 soueraygne lord the kyng, the sayde freeholders and customarie tenaun-
 tes, as well for them selfe as in the name of all other tenauntes and inha-
 bytantes within the lymittes of the sayde chace, haue putte to their seales,
 the daye and yere aboue wyrtten. Be it therfore enacted by auctoritie of
 this present parlyamente, that the sayde indenture shall persiste continue &
 abide good effectual and in full strength and vertue, according to the word
 tenour and effect therof. And that the kyng our soueraigne lord, his heires
 and successours for euer, shall haue & enioye their liberties & priuileges, co-
 modities & plesures of fre chace and warren for all maner of beastes of ve-
 nery, & foules of warre, within & vpon the said townes byllages & parishes of
 Estmul-

Estmulse, Westmulse, Walton, Cher, Weerbydige, and part of Cobhā, and in all other places and groundes, lyenge or beyng within the p̄ocinctis lymites and boundes of the sayde Territorie or groundes lymitted and assigned by the sayd Indenture for the sayd chace and warren. And that the same Territorie or groundes shalbe called named and knowe by the name of Hampton court chace. And that all and singular transgressours and offendours, taken knowen or p̄oued to haue committed or doone any maner of offence, within or vpon the sayd chace or warren, contrary to the fourme or effect of any part of the sayd indenture, shall incurte and fall into lyke dangers, penalties, and forsaithures, as any other lyke offendours, committinge or doyng any wyonge trespass or offence in anye other forest or chace within this realme, may do or shall do.

¶ And furthermoze be it enacted, that our sayd soueraygne lord the kyng, his heires and successours, at his and their libertie and pleasur, may make constitute and assigne suche and as many officers, ministers, and keepers, in for and vpon the sayde chace and warren, as to him or them frome tyme to tyme shall be thoughte behouefull conueniente and necessarie. And that all and singular lawes, actes, and statutes heretofore made, concernynge the keepynge nourschynge encrease and suppoztation of anye of the forestes, chaces, and warrens of this realme, or anye of theym, or to wchynge or concernynge directions, coztectiōs, penalties, resourmattons or punysshementes for anye maner of offences doone or committed within anye suche forestes, chaces, or warrens, shall be frome henseforthe extended and executed in to and vpon all transgressours and offendours in the sayde chace, called Hampton court chace, and into or vpon the sayde warren of the same.

¶ And bicause that the sayd manor of Hampton court is thus, as is aforesayd, decozated and enuironned with thinges of hygh and princely commodities, Be it further enacted by auctoritie of the present parliament, that the manor of Walton vpon the Temmes, in the sayd countie of Sur̄, beyng parcel of the Duchye of Lancaster, and the manour of Walton Leghe, in the sayd countie of Sur̄, late purchased by the kynges hyghnes of Gyles Leghe esquier deceased, and the house of Detland, and all landes tenementes rentes seruices and hereditamentes in Weerbydige Walton & Charkeley, in the sayd countie of Sur̄, late purchased by the kynges hyghnes of John Rede son and heire of William Rede, and the manours of Byflete and Weerbydige in the sayd countie of Sur̄, beyng parcell of the Duchye of Cornwal, and all the landes and tenementes in Walton and Weerbydige aforesayd, late purchased by the kynges hyghnes of John Goldwel & his wyfe, & all those landes & tites in Walton aforesayd, late purchased by the kynges hyghnes of John Carleton, & the manour of Estmulse in the sayd countie of Sur̄, late purchased by the kynges hyghnes of p̄p̄sident & scholars of Corpus Christi college in Oxfoꝝd, & the manor of Gulsey in p̄ sayde countie of Sur̄, which late belonged to p̄ late monastery of Marten in the

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sayde countie of Surſſe: And the manour of Sandon in the sayde countie of Surſſe, late purchased by the kynges hyghnes of the mayſter & brethren of the hoſpittall of ſaynt Thomas ſpittell in Surthwarke, in the ſayd countie of Surrey: And the manour of weſton in the ſayd countie of Surrey: late purchased by the kynges hyghnes of the abbeſſe and couent of the monaſtery of Barkyng in the countie of Eſſex: And the manour of Jmworth in the ſayde countie of Surſſe, late purchased by the kynges hyghnes of Thomas Duke of Roſſe. And the manour of Eſher in the ſayde countie of Surſſe, late purchased by the kynges hyghneſſe of the reuerente father in God Stephyn biſhop of Wyndcheſter: and the landes and hereditamentes with thappurtenances, called Heywod, lyenge within the ſayd chace, whiche late belonged to the late priory of Newerke in the ſayd countie of Surrey: And all thoſe manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes, lyenge within the ſayde chace, whiche ſy: Rycharde Page knyght hath lately bargayned and ſolde vnto our ſayde ſoueraigne lord the kyng: and al laides tenementes and hereditamentes, which be the ſayd ſy: Rycharde Pages lyenge and beyng within the ſayde chace: And all other manors landes tenementes rentes reuerſions ſeruices and hereditamentes, within the limytes and Territory of the ſame chace, which the kynges hyghnes befoze this tyme hath opteyned bought or purchased of any perſon or perſones bodies politike or corporate: And all the fee ferme or yerely rent or annuities of the bozough or towne of Kyngſton vpon Temmes, in the ſayd countie of Surrey: And the manours of Hanneworth and Kynton, otherwyle called Cold Kennyngton, and the parke of Hanneworth and Cold Kennyngton, in the countie of Middelleſex: And the manoure of Feltham in the ſayde countie of Middelleſex, whiche manoure of Feltham was late purchased by the kynges hyghnes of the mayſter and brethren of the hoſpittall of Burton laſer, in the countie of Leiceſter: And the manour of Codyngham in the ſayd countie of Middelleſex, late purchased by the kynges hyghnes of the abbot and couent of the monaſtery of Weſtmynſter, in the countie of Middelleſex: and all landes tenementes and hereditamentes, lyenge in the parſſhe of Hampton in the ſayde countie of Middelleſex, late purchased by the kynges hyghnes of Thomas Arthure, Thomas Goue, John Wyndale, John Winton, Thomas Elys, and John Lewes, or of any of them: And all laides tenementes, and hereditamentes, in the parſſhe of Hanneworth, in the ſayd countie of Middelleſex, late purchased by the kynges hyghnes of John Wyllyams, John Combes, Rycharde Harris, William Couper, Robert Wates, Thomas Fitzwater, Rycharde Laurence, Thomas Carpenter, John Byckes, Daule Coke, and the perſone of the parſſhe of Hanneworth aforeſayde, or of any of them: And all the landes & tenementes in Kenten, in the ſayde countie of Middelleſex, lately purchased by the ſayde oure ſoueraigne lord the kyng, of the maſter & brethren of the hoſpittall of Sauey, in the countie of Midd: And all other maners laides tenementes & hereditamentes in Kyngſton, Hāworth, Kentō, Coldkennyngtō, Felthā, Codynghā, & Hāpton, which

whiche our sayd souerayne lord the kynge, befoze this tyme hath bought purchasid or obteyned of any person or persons, bodies polityke or corporate, shall from hensfozth be perpetually vnited annexed demed reputed & taken to be parte parcell and membris of the sayde manour of Hampton court. And that the same manour of Hampton court, together with all o- ther the sayde manours landes tenementes and other the pmisses aboue reherfed and specified, so vnited & annexed to the same manour of Hamp- ton court, shall from hensfozth be named callid accepted and taken the ho- nour of Hampton court. And that the sayde manour of Hampton court shall from hensfozth be the chiefe and capitall place and parte of the sayd honour of Hampton court.

¶ Be it also further enacted by auctoritie afoze sayd, that the sayd honour and chace of Hampton court, and all the manours landes tenementes he- reditamentes, and other the pmisses aboue reherfed, shall from hensfozth be in the order suruey rule and gouernance of the court of Augmentations of the reuenues of our souerayne lord the kynges crowne, and to be gran- ted let and set to ferme by the officers and mynisters of the same court, in such maner and fourme as other the manours landes and tenementes, ap- poynted to the same court, ben or ought to be letten or graunted. And that all the fermes issues reuenues and profittes, commynge and growynge of the pmisses, and of euery parte therof, shall be taken and receyued to the kynges vse, by the mynisters and officers of the same court, in such maner and fourme as is vsed and had of other manours landes & tenementes co- mitted to the order suruey & gouernance of the said court of augmentations: any acte statute ordinance custome or vse heretofore had made or vsed to the contrary therof not withstandinge.

¶ AND furthermoze be it enacted by auctoritie afozesayd, that all and syngular the tenants, as wel freeholders & copy holders, as other, and all and syngular personnes, whiche owe suite to any of the sayde manours, or to any leete or lawdaye, to be holden within the procincte of any of them, and the heires successours & assignes of euery of the sayde tenants, shall do theyr suites seruices and customes, and paye theyr rentes to the sayde lordz manours, and in suche tymes, as they dydde and ought to do be- foze the makynge of this presente acte. And that the sayde tenants and sutours or any of them, or the heires successours, or assignes of them or any of them, at any tyme hereafter, shall not be charged nor chargeable to or with any other seruices suites customes rentes or other charges, nor be co- pelled to doo or paye the same in any other place or places, nor anye of the seuerall tenures chaunged alterated or charged, other wyse than they were or ought to doo or be befoze the makynge of this acte, any thyng therein conteyned to the contrary notwithstandinge. Hauynge alway and reser- uynge to al and syngular free tenantes and customary tenants of any lades tenementes and hereditamentes, lieng or being within the procinctes lym- ites and bondes of the sayd Chace, callid Hampton court chace, specified &

declared by the sayd indenture, and to the heyres successours & assignes of euery of them, all and singular liberties profytes commodities and aduantages to them appertaynyng, accorpyng to the true intent and pleasure of our sayde soueraygne lord the kynge, signified and declared by the same indenture: any thinge in this acte aboue written not withstandynge.

Coupyded alwaye, that this acte, or any thinge therein conteyned, shall not be prejudiciall or hurtfull to any person or persons, theyr heyres executours successours or assignes, for any leases demises grauntes or couenautes here tofore had made or graunted to them or any of them, of the sayde manours and other the premises, or any part or parcell thereof, by any person or persons, beyng owners of the sayd manours landes and tenementes, and other the premises, or any part or parcell thereof, or by any of their auncestours or predecessours, or by any person or persons lawfully auctorisied by them or any of them, for any demise lease or graunt thereof made.

Sauynge alwaye to al and euery person and persons, their heyres successours executours and assignes, other then suche persons, as were parties or party to the bargaynes sales gyftes or grauntes of the sayd manours and other the premises, or any parte thereof, and theyr wyues theyr heyres and successours, and the wyues heyres and successours of euery of them, al suche right title vse interest possession lease leases ferme fermes for terme of lyfe lyfes yerres or otherwise: & all grauntes liberties rentes charges profytes couenautes and all other commoditie and commodities, which they or any of them haue, might or ought to haue, or here after shall or shoulde haue, in or to the premises, or any part or parcell of them, in suche manner and fourme, as though this acte, or any thinge therein conteyned to the contrary thereof had neuer bene had nor made: any thyng in this present acte to the contrary thereof not withstandynge.

AND for as moch as the sayde maners of Wyllete and Weybridge, before the makynge of this acte were parcell of the Duchie of Coznewall, and now separated and taken from the same by reason of this acte. Be it therefore enacted by auctorite afoze sayde, that the manour of Shippon, with thappurtenaunces, in the countie of Berk. whiche latelie belonged to the late monasterie of Abendon, in the same countie of Berk. nowe dissolved, shall from henceforth be vnited & annexed to the sayde Duchie of Coznewall, and shalbe accepted and taken for and as part and parcel of the same Duchie of Coznewall, in such lyke manner and fourme, to all intentes and purposes, as the sayde manours of Wyllete and Weybridge were before the makynge of this acte, and that the same manour of Shippon, and the pssues reuenues and profytes thereof, shall from henceforth be surueyed receyued and answered by and before suche persons, officers and ministers, and in such lyke manner and fourme, as other the manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes, parcell of the sayde Duchie of Coznewall, be and shalbe surueyed receyued and answered.

Coupyded alway that this acte, or any thyng therein conteyned, shal not be pre-

be pzetudiciall oꝝ hurtfull to any person oꝝ persons, their heyyes executours
successours oꝝ assignes, oꝝ any denyses leases offices grauntes oꝝ couenau
tes heretofore had made oꝝ graunted to them oꝝ any of them, of the sayd ma
nour of Shippon, oꝝ any part oꝝ parcell therof, by our soueraigne lord the
kyng, oꝝ by any other person oꝝ persones, beyng owner oꝝ owners of the
same manour of Shippon: this act, oꝝ any thinge therein conteyned to the
contrary therof not withstandinge.

C In act that such as were religious persons maye purchace,
sue and be sued in all maner of actions. Cap. vi.



B it enacted by auctozitie of this pzesent parliament, that al
and singular such religious persons, aswel men as women,
pzofessed of what oꝝder rule oꝝ habyt so euer they were, whi
che be, oꝝ hereafter shalbe put at their liberties from the dan
ger seruitude and condicion of their religion and pzofession
wherunto they were pzofessed, by reason of suppression dis
soluinge foꝝfeiture by atteyndze, rendzing oꝝ otherwyle gyuinge vp to the
handes of the kynges maiestie, oꝝ any other the same monasteries, abbeyes,
pziozies, oꝝ other religious houses oꝝ places, wherin the same religious per
sons were pzofessed, shal by auctozitie of this pzesent parliament, frome &
after the first daye of the same parliament, and frome and after the tyme, &
they were oꝝ shalbe put at such libertie, haue free libertie to purchase to the
and their heyyes in fee simple, fee tayle, foꝝ terme of lyfe foꝝ yeres oꝝ at will,
manours landes tenementes rentes annuities and other hereditamentes &
thinges whatsoeuer they be in lyke maner and fourme, as thoughe they oꝝ
any of them had neuer bene pzofessed, noꝝ entered into any suche religion.
And furthermoze that they the same religious persons and euery of theym,
shalbe made able by auctozitie of this pzesent act, to sue and to be sued in al
maner of actions playntes and supytes what so euer they be, of and foꝝ any
matier oꝝ cause growen sythens and after the tyme of their seuerall deraig
mentes oꝝ departinge out of their religion, in all courtes and places within
this realme, as other the kynges subiectes be. And furthermoze that they &
euery of them shal and maye from hensfoꝝth, vse and exercise, receyue take
haue and enioye all and euery lawfull thinge and thinges to be growen fal
oꝝ happened to them oꝝ any of them, after the sayd deraignment oꝝ departing
out of their religion, in as large and ample maner foꝝme and condicion, as
yf they had neuer bene pzofessed, noꝝ entered into religion, the same pzofes
sion oꝝ religion, oꝝ any lawe custome oꝝ vse within this realme to the contra
ry therof in any wyle not withstandinge.

C Doubted alwayes & be it further enacted by auctozitie afoze sayd, that
none of the same religious persons, shal oꝝ maye at any tyme hereafter be
taken demed oꝝ iudged foꝝ oꝝ as heyre oꝝ heyyes oꝝ inheritable to any person
oꝝ persons to any purpose respect construction oꝝ intet in the law: noꝝ & they

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nor any of them by vertu of this acte be receyued admitted or demed able in the lawe, to demande challenge receyue or take any manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes, or any other thinge or thinges, by reason of or for any former title right interest matier or cause, had made done or growen to any respect or purpose, befoze their sayd seuerall detraimentes or departinges out of their religion. Nor that any of the sayd religious persons beinge priestes, or such as haue auowed religion at. xxi. yeres or aboue, and therto then consented, continuinge in the same anye whyle after, not duely prouinge by wytnes or other lawfull meanes some vnlawfull coercion or compulsion done to them or any of them for makynge of any suche vowe, or constrayning them to remayne in their religion, be enabled by vertu of any wordes clause or sentence befoze in this act expessed, to marie or take anye wyfe or wyues, but that they and euery of them be clerely excluded and put from the same to all intentes and purposes: any thinge befoze in this acte conteyned to the contraty hereof in any wyle not withstanding.

CAn act concerninge the continuance of the statute for punishment of beggers and vababundes, and of certayne other statutes. Capit. vii.



HERE in the parliament begunne and holden at London the thirde daye of Nouembre, in the. xxi. yere of the reigne of our most dread soueraygne lord kyng HENRY the eyght, & from thense adioyned to Westm, and there holden and continued by dyuers prouocations, vntyll the dissolution therof, an act was made & establisshed, declarpng and concerning as well how aged poze and impotent persons, compelled to lye by almes, shulde be ordered and bled, as also how vababundes and myghty stronge beggers shulde be whipped and punysshed: and at the sayde parliament one other act was made and establisshed for the restreynt of carieng and conueyng of horses and mares out of this realme: and also at the sayd parliament one other act was made and establisshed for punishment of welshmen, attempting assautes or affrayes vpon any the inhabitauntes of Hereford Gloucestre or Shropshire: And also at the sayd parliament one other act was made and establisshed for punishment of the vice of Buggery, declaringe suche offence to be felonye, which sayd foure seuerall actes were also made to endure to the last daye of the next parliament, as by the same foure seuerall actes moze playnely appeareth. And where also in the sayde parliament one other act was made & ordeyned amonge other thinges, for restrayning the cariage of byasse latens and copers out of this realme: And also one other act was there made in the sayd parliament for the true makynge of cabels, halsters and roopes: And also one other act for the true wyndynge of wolles: And one other act to restreyne kylling of weynlynge bullockes steres or heffers, beinge vnder the age of two yeres, which sayd foure seuerall actes last befoze remembred, were then

than made to endure and continue vnto the next parliament, as by the same four seuerall actes moze playnely appeareth. And where also in the sayde parliament one other acte was made and establisshed for the atteyntes to be sued for punyishment of periury vpon vnttrue verdytes: And also one other acte was there made in the sayde parliament, concerning peauterers: And also one other acte was there made in the sayde parliament, concerning sowinge of flaxe and hempe: all which sayde thre seuerall actes laste before rehersed, were then made and ordeyned to continue and endure to the laste daye of the next parliament, as by the same thre seuerall actes moze playnly at large is shewed and maye appeare. And where also in the sayde parliament one other acte was made and establisshed for makynge of iayles in dyuers shyres of this realme, whiche same acte was then made to continue and endure for one yere next after the ende of the same parliament, as by the same acte also moze playnely appeareth. And where also in the parliament begon and holden at westm the. viii. daye of June, in the. xxviii. yere of the raygne of our sayde most hyad soueraigne lord kynge HENRY the viii. and there continued and kept vntyll the dissolucion therof, it was ordeyned and enacted, that all and singular the sayde seuerall actes aboue remembred and euery of them shulde continue and endure in their force and strengthe, and also be obserued and kept vntyll the last daye of the next parliament, as by the same acte amonges other thynges therein conteyned moze playnly appeareth. And for asmoche as all and singular the sayde seuerall actes aboue mencioned, be good and beneficiall for the common welthe of this realme, Be it therfore enacted and ordeyned by the auctoritie of this present parliament, that all and singular the sayde seuerall actes, and euery of them, and all clauses articles and prouisions in them and euery of them conteyned, shall continue and endure in their force and strengthe, and be obserued and kept vntyll the last daye of the next parliament.

CAn acte that proclamations made by the kynges hyghenes, with thad-
uise of his honozable counsell, shalbe obeyed and kept, as
thoughe they were made by act of parliament.

Capitulo. viii.



Has moche as the kynges mooste royall maiestie for dy-
uers consyderations by thadvice of his counsell hathe here-
tofore set forth dyuers and sondye his graces proclamati-
ons, as well for and concernynge dyuerse and sondye arti-
cles of Chyistes religion, as for an vnitie and concord to be
had amongeste the lounge and obedient subiectes of this
his realme and other his dominions, and also concernynge thaduancement
of his common welthe and good quiet of his people, whiche neuer the lesse
dyuers and many frowarde wylfull and obstinate persones haue wylfully
contempned and broken, not consyderinge what a kynge by his royall po-
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wet may do : and for lacke of a direct statute and lawe to cohart offenders,
 to obey the sayd proclamations, which beyng styll suffred, shulde not only
 encourage offendours to the disobedience of the preceptes and lawes of al-
 myghty God, but also sund to moche to the great dishonour of the kynges
 most royall maiestie (who maye full yll beare it) and also gyue to great hart
 and boldnes to all malefactours & offendours : Consydering also that so-
 deyn causes and occasions fortune many tymes, which do require spedy re-
 medyes, and that by abydinge for a parliament, in the meane tyme mighte
 happen great prejudice to ensue to the realme : and weyng also, that his ma-
 iestie (which by the kyngely and regall power gyuen him by God, maye do
 many thynges in suche cases) shulde not be dyuen to extende the libertie &
 supremittie of his regall power and dignitie by wilfulnes of frowarde sub-
 iectes : it is therfore thought in maner moze then necessary, that the kynges
 hyghnes of this realme for the tyme beyng, with thaduisse of his honozable
 counsell, shuld make and setforth proclamations for the good and politike
 order and gouernaunce of this his realme of England Wales and other his
 dominions frome tyme to tyme, for the defence of his regall dignitie, and
 thaduancement of his common welth, and good quyet of his people, as
 the cases of necessitie shall requyre : And that an ordinary lawe shoulde be
 proupyd by thassent of his maiestie and parliament, for the due punyshe-
 ment correccion and refozation of suche offences and disobediences, Be it
 therfore enacted by the auctozitie of this parliament, with the kynges maie-
 stie, the lordes spirituall and tempozall, and the commons assent, that al-
 wayes the kyng, for the tyme beyng, with thaduisse of his honozable coun-
 cell, whose names hereafter folow, or with thaduisse of the moze part of the
 maye setforth at all tymes, by auctozitie of this act, his proclamations, vn-
 der suche penalties and peynes, and of such sort, as to his hyghenes, and
 his sayde honozable counsell, or the moze part of them : shall seme necessary
 and requisite. And that those same shalbe obeyed obserued and kepte, as
 though they were made by act of parliament, for the tyme in them limited,
 onelesse the kynges hyghnes dispence with them or any of them vnder his
 great seale.

¶ Proupyd alwayes that the wordes meanynge and intente of this acte,
 be not vnderstonde interpretat, construed, or extended, that by vertue of it
 any of the kynges lyege people, of what estate degre or condicion so euer he
 or they be, bodyes politike or corpozate, their heyres or successours, shoulde
 haue any of his or their enheritaunces lawfull possessions offices libertties
 priuileges franchises goodes or cattalles taken from them or any of them :
 Nor by vertue of the sayd act suffre any peynes of death, other than shalbe
 hereafter in this act declared. Nor that by any proclamation, to be made by
 vertue of this acte, any actes, common lawes, stondinge at this present
 tyme in strength and force, nor yet any lawful or laudable customes of this
 realme, or other his dominions, ne any of them, shalbe infringed broken or
 subuerted : And specially all those actes, stondinge this houre in force, whi-
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che haue ben made in the kynges highnes tyme: but that every such person and persons, bodieis politike and corporate, theyr heires and successours, & the heires and successours of every of them, their inheritances lafull possessions offices libertieis priuileges franchises goodes & cattails shal stand and be in the same state and condition, to every respecte & purpose, as if this acte or p[ro]viso had neuer be had or made. Except such forsaithes paynes and penalties, as in this acte and in any proclamation, whiche hereafter shall be sette forth by auctoritie of the same, shall be declared and expessed. And excepte suche personnes, whiche shall offende any proclamation to be made by the kynges highnes, his heires or successours, for and concernyng any kynde of heresies, agaynst christen religion.

Furthermoze be it enacted by the auctoritie of this present parliament, that to the intent the kynges subiectes shulde not be ignorant of his proclamations, every shireffe or other officer and minister, to whom any such proclamation shalbe directed by the kynges writte vnder his great seale, shall p[ro]clayme or cause the same to be p[ro]claymed within. xiii. dayes after the recepte therof, in foure severall market towneis, yf there be so many, or els in fyve other towneis places or villages, within the lymittes of their auctoritie. And they to cause the same proclamatiōs to be fixed and set by openly upon places convenient in every such towne place or village, upon payn and penaltie of suche summe and summes of money, or imprisonment of body, as shall be conteyned in the sayd proclamation or proclamations.

And be it further enacted by the auctorite aforesayd, that yf any person or persons, of what estate degre or condition so ever he or they be, which at any tyme hereafter do wilfully offende and breke, or obstinately not observe and kepe any suche proclamation, or any article therein conteyned, whiche shall procede from the kynges maiestie, by thadvise of his counsell, as is aforesayd: that then all and every suche offender or offenders, beyng thereof within one halfe yere nexte after theyr or his offence committed, accused, & therof within. xviij. monethes nexte after the same offence so convicted by confessyon or lawfull witnesse, and p[ro]ves befoze the archebysshop of Canterbury Metropolitane, the Chauncellour of Englande, the lord treasurer of England, the president of the kynges most honourable counsell, the lord p[ri]uy seale, the great Chamberlayne of Englande, lord admirall, lord steward or graund mapster, lord Chamberlayne of the kynges moste honorable household, two other bishops, being of the kynges counsell, suche as his grace shall appoynte for the same, the secretarie, the tresorer & controller of the kynges most honorable household, the mapster of the h[ou]se, the two chief iudges, & the master of the Rolles, for the tyme beyng, the Chauncellour of the augmentations, the Chancellour of the Duchy, the chief baron of theschequer, the two generall surueyors, the chauncellour of theschequer, the vnder Tresorer of the same, the tresorer of the kynges chamber, for the tyme being, in the Sterre chamber at Westm[onasterie], or els where: or at the least befoze the halfe of the nomber afoze rehersed, of which nomber the
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lord Chancellor, the lord Tresorer, the lord president of the kynges most honorable counsell, the lord Priue seale, the Chamberlayne of England, the lord admyrall, the two chief Judges for the tyme being, or two of them shalbe two: shall lose and pay suche penalties forsaithures of sumes of money to be leuied of his or theyr landes tenementes goodes and cattals to the kynges vse, and also suffre suche imprisonment of his body, as shall be expressed mencioned and declared in any such proclamation or proclamation whiche suche offender or offenders shal offende & breke, or not obserue and kepe, contrary to this acte, as is aforesaid. And that execution shalbe had done & made agaynst euery such offender and offenders, with the addition of the names or surnames townes or counties mistery or occupation of the sayd offenders, by such order proces wayes & meanes, & after suche maner forme and condition, as by the kynges highnes, and the sayd council shall be deuised and thought moste conuenient for example of suche offenders.

Woundedd alwaye, that none offender, whiche shall offende contrary to the forme of any suche proclamations, shall incurre the danger & penalite therof, except such proclamation or proclamation be had done or made in such shire or countie, where the offender hath or shall dwell or be most couersant within a yere befoze. **A**nd be it further enacted by thautozite afoze sayd, that the lord chancellor, the lord priue seale, and either of them, with thassent of. vi. of the fozenamed, shall haue power and auctozitie by theyr discretions, vpon euery informatiō to be giuen to them or to either of them touchyng the premises, to cause proces to be made ageynste all & syngular suche offenders, by wyttes, vnder the kynges great seale, or vnder his graces priue seale, in fourme folowynge, that is to saye, fyste by proclamation vnder a peyne or a penalite, by the discretion of the aforesayd chancellours appoynted, for the awardynge of processe, and if he appere not to the same, without a lafull excuse, than the said chancellours to awarde out another proclamation, vponn allegiance of the same offender, for the due examination triall and conuiction of euery suche person & persons, as shall offend contrary to this acte, for the due execution to be had of and for the same, in maner and forme as is aboue remembred. Except it be within the libertie of the countie palatine of the duchy of Lancaster. And in case it so be: than to passe by the chancelloz of the kynges duchy of Lancaster, vnder p seale of the said duchy, with the assent of. vi. at the least of the afoze named coucellours. **B**e it also further enacted by thautozitie aforesayd, p pf any person or persons do comitte any offence, contrary to the forme & effecte of this acte, and after the same offence done or committed, do obstinately willingly or contemptuously auoyde and depart out of this realme, for and to thentent that he wyl not answere to suche offence or offences by hym committed and done, contrary to this acte, that than euery such wylfull and contemptuous person, auoydunge or departynge out of this realme, shalbe adiudged a traitour, and his facte high treason, and shall haue and suffre suche peynes of death, and also forsaite goodes and cattals, landes and tenementes, as in case

case of high treason. Sauyng to al a singular person & persons, bodies po-
litik & corporat, their heires & successours, & to the heires & successours of eue-
ry of them, other than such person and persons, their heyres and successours;
and the heires and successours of every of them, that shal offend contrary to
this acte, and therbypon obstinately willingly or contemptuously auoide & de-
parte out of this realme, as is aforesayde, all suche righte title vse interesse
rentes reuerfions remainders lease leases grauntes annuities offices com-
mons profittes commodities and other hereditamentes what so ever, in &
to all and syngular suche honours castels manours landes tenementes and
other hereditamentes, whiche any suche offender or offenders shal haue at
the tyme of his or their offence or offences of treason committed, or at any
tyme after, in suche lyke maner fourme and condicion, to all intentes cōstru-
ctions and purposes, as if this acte had neuer ben had or made: any thyng
conteyned in this acte to the contrary in any wyse not withstanding.

¶ And it is further enacted by þe auctoritte aforesayd, that yf any person or
persons, offendyng contrary to this acte, do wyllyngly and contemptuously
withdawe absent eloppe or secretly hyde hym selfe within any parte of this
realme, or any of the kynges dominions, by the space of two monethes next
after any wyte of proclamation shalbe made directed & proclaymed against
hym or them; as afoze is reherfed, and therof by any conuenient or reasons-
ble meane may haue knowlege, so that by eloppyng of hym selfe, his offence
can not be examined tried and iudged within the sayd tyme of. xiiii. mon-
ethes: that than euery suche person and persons so offendyng, shal stande
and be as a person conuicted of thoffences againste hym objected, and also
lose and pay all and euery suche forfayture summes of money, and also suf-
fer suche imprisonment as to the same offence shal appertayne.

¶ And be it further enacted, that yf it happen our sayde soueraygne lord
the kyng to deceasse (whose lyfe God longe preserve) befoze suche tyme as
that person, which shalbe his next heyre or successour to the imperiall crowne
of this realme, shal accomplyshe and come to the age of. xiiii. yerres: that
than all and syngular proclamations, whiche shalbe in any wyse made and
setfowth into any parte of this realme, or other the kynges dominions, by
vertue of this acte, within the foresayde yerres of the sayde next heyre or suc-
cessour, shalbe setfowth in the successours name than being kyng, and shal
impozte or beate vnderwitten the full names of suche of the kynges hono-
rable counceill than beinge, as shal be the diuisours or setters forth of the
same, whiche shal be in this case the hole nombre afoze reherfed, or atte the
least the moze parte of theym, or elles the proclamations to be voyde and of
none effecte.

¶ Wherbynd also that yf any proclamation or proclamations hereafter
shalbe directed by vertue of this acte, to the iustices of the peace of any shire
or countie, that then within. xiiii. dayes after the receyt therof, the same iu-
stices shal and may by their discretions diuide them selves in sondrye par-
tes and places within the limytes of their commission, for the due and spe-
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by execution of the contentes of the same proclamation or proclamations, and they and euery of them doyng or causynge to be done with conuenient spede in their sondy lymittes, as moche as in theym reasonable doth lye or rest to be done, for the dewe and spedy execution of the same proclamation or proclamations: than euery such of the same Justices, as so shall do his diligence, or as moche as in him reasonable resteth to be done, shall be discharged and exonerated against the kynges highnes his heires and successours of and for euery penalitie or payne, limited and appointed by the same proclamation to euery of the same iustices.

Provided also, that no iustices of peace shall be charged hereafter by vertue of any such proclamation, with or for any payne or penalitie, for not doyng or executynge of the same proclamations, but onely in the shyre or countie, where any such iustices of peace shall or do inhabyte, dwell, or be moste conuerlant or abydinge.

Provided also that the foresayd counsailours appointed or to be appointed by vertue of this act, or any parte thereof by the kynges hyghnes, his heires or successours, to and for the hearing and determination of euery offence, committed contrary to any of his or their proclamation or proclamations, shall from tyme to tyme, knowing the kynges determinate pleasure first therin, haue full power and auctoritie to diminish or mitigate the penalties of the somme, or sommes of money, which shall be conteyned in any of the sayd proclamations hereafter to be made by the kynges hyghnes his heires or successours.

An act aucthorisynge the kynges hyghnes to make byshops by his letters patentes. Cap. ix.



Pas moch as it is not vnknown, the slouthfull and vngodly lyfe, which hath bene vsed amonge al those sort, which haue borne the name of religious folke, and to chynce that from henceforth many of them might be turned to better vse, as hereafter shall folow: wherby goddis worde myght the better be set forth, children brought vp in learninge, clerkes noyshed in the vniuersities, old seruantes decayed to haue lyuynge, almes houses for poore folke to be susteyned in, reuers of Grece, Chrewe, and latine to haue good stipende, dayly almes to be ministrated, mendinge of hys wayes, exhibition for ministers of the church. It is thought therfore vnto the kynges hyghnes most expedient and necessary, that mo byshops colleges legiall and cathedrall churches shall be establisshed in stede of these foresayd religious houses, within the foundation wherof these other titles afore rehearsed, shall be establisshed. Be it therfore enacted by auctoritie of this present parliament, that his hyghnes shall haue full power and auctoritie from tyme to tyme, to declare & nominat by his letters patentes or other writings to

to be made vnder his greatte Seale, suche noumber of bysshoppes, suche noumber of cities, sees for bysshoppes, cathedrall churches, and dioces by metes and bondes, for theretise and mynistracion of their episcopall offices and adminystracion, as shall appertayne, and to endowe theym with suche possessyons, after suche maner fourme and condicion, as to his most excellent wysedome shall be thoughte necessary and conuenient. And also shall haue power and auctorytie to make and diuise translations, ordynances rules and statutes concernynge theym all and euery of theym, and further to do all and euery other thing and thynges, what so euer it be, whiche shall be deuised and thought requisite conuenient and necessarye by his mooste excellent wysedome and discretion, for the good perfection and accomplisshement of all and syngular his sayde mooste godly and graciouse purposes and intentes, touchynge the pemysses, or any other charptable or godly dedes to be deuised by his highnes concernynge the same. And that all and syngular suche translations nominations of bishops cities sees and bymittation of dioces for byshops, erections, establisshmentes, foundations, ordynances, statutes, rules, and al and euery other thyng and thynges, whiche shall be deuised compysed and expessed by his graces sondre and seuerall letters patentes or other wytinges vnder his greatte seale, touchynge and concernynge the pemysses, or any of them, or any circumstances or dependances therof, necessary and requisite for the perfection of the pemysses, or any of them, shall be of as good strength force value and effect, to all intentes and purposes, as if suche thynges, that shall so be diuised expessed and mencioned in his lettres patentes or other wytinges vnder his great seale, had ben done made and had by auctorytie of parliament.

An acte concernynge placynge of the lordes in the parlamente chaumber, and other assembles and conferrences of counsaile. Capitulo. x.



FOR AS MOCHE AS in all great counceils and congregations of menne, haunge sondre degrees and offices in the comon wealthe, It is very requysite and conuenient, that an order shulde be hadde and taken for the placynge and sytynge of suche persones as ben bounden to resorte to the same, to the entent that they, knowynge theyr places, maye vse the same without displeasure or lette of the counsell. Therfore the kynges most royall maiestie, althoughe it appertayneth vnto his prerogatiue royall to gyue suche honour, reputation, and placynge to his counsellours, and other his subiectes, as shall be seemynge to his most excellent wysedom, is neuerthelesse pleased and contented for an order to be hadde and taken in this his mooste hyghe courte of parliament, that it shall be enacted by auctorytie of the same, in maner and fourme as hereafter foloweth.

If yfste it is enacted by auctorytie aforesayde, that no persone or persones

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of what estate degree or condiction so euer he or they be of, (except onely the kynges chyldern) shall at any tyme hereafter attempt or presume to sytte or haue place at any syde of the clothe of estate in the parliament chamber, noether of the one hande of the kynges hyghnesse nor of the other, whether the kynges maiestie be there personally present or absent. And forasmoch as the kynges maiestie is iustely and laufully supreme heed in erthe vnder god of the churche of Englande, and for the good exercyse of the sayd most royall dignitie and offyce, hath made Thomas lorde Crumwell, and lorde priuie seale his vicegerent for good & due ministracion of Justyce to be had in all causes and cales touching the ecclesiasticall iurisdiction, and for the godly refournacion and redress of all errors herelses and abuses in the sayde churche. It is therfore also enacted by auctorite aforesayde, that the sayde lorde Crumwell, hauinge the sayde offyce of vicegerent, and all other persons, whiche hereafter shall haue the sayde offyce of the graunt of the kynges highnes, his heires or successours, shall sytte and be placed as wel in this present parliament, as in all parlyamentes to be holden hereafter, on the right syde of the parliament chamber, and vppon the same fourme that the archbysshop of Canturbury syteth &c, and aboue the same archbysshop and his successours, and shall haue voyce in euery parliament to assente or dys-sent, as other the lordes of the parliament.

¶ And it is also enacted, that next to the sayd vicegerent shall syt the archbysshop of Canturbury: and than nexte hym on the same fourme and syde shall sytte the archbysshop of Yorke: and next to hym on the same fourme and syde, the byshop of London: and next to hym on the same syde and fourme the byshop of Duresme: and nexte to hym on the same syde and fourme the byshop of Wyndchester, and than all the other bishops of both prouinces of Canturbury and yorke, shall sytte and be placed on the same syde after thei aunccienties, as it hath ben accustomed.

¶ And forasmoch as suche other personages, whiche nowe haue, and here after shall happen to haue other great offyces of the realme, that is to say, the offyces of the lorde Chancellour, the lord Tresourer, the lord president of the kynges most honorable counceyl, the lord priuie seale, the great chamberlayn of England, the constable of Englade, the Marciall of Englande, the lorde Admirall, the grand Master or lord steward of the kynges most honorable household, the kynges chamberlayn, & the kynges secretory haue not hertofore ben apointed & ordred for the placing & sitting in the kynges most high court of pliment by reson of their offycis. It is therfore now ordeined & enacted by thaurtorite aforesaid, & the lord Chancelor, the lord tresorer, & lord president of the kynges counceyl, & the lorde priuie seale, being of the degre of barons of the parliament or aboue, shall syt and be placed aswel in this present parliament, as in al other parlyamentis hereafter to be holden, on the left side of the said pliment chamber, on the higher part of the fourme of the same side aboue all dukes, except only suche as shall happen to be the kynges son, the kyngis broder, & kynges vncle, & kynges newew, or the kynges broders or sisters sons.

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¶ AND IT IS also ordeyned and enacted by auctoritie aforesayde, that the great Chamberlayne, the Constable, the Marciall, the lord Admirall, the great Master or lord Steward, and the kynges Chamberlayn, shall sytte and be placed after the lord Priue seale, in maner and fourme folowynge, that is to say, euery of them shall sytte and be placed aboue all other personages beinge of the same estates or degrees, that they shall happen to be of, that is to say, the great Chamberlayne fyrste, the Constable next, the Marciall thyrde, the lord Admirall the fourth, the graund Master or lord Steward the fyfte, and the kynges Chamberlayn the sixt.

¶ AND it is also enacted by auctoritie aforesayde, that the kynges chiefe Secretoye, beinge of the degree of a baron of the parlyamente, shall sytte and be placed afoze and aboue all barons, not hauynge any of the offyces afoze mencioned. And if he be a byshop, that than he shall sytte and be placed aboue all other byshoppes, not hauynge any of the offyces aboue remembred.

¶ AND it is also ordeyned and enacted by auctoritie aforesayde, that all dukes, not afoze mencioned, marquesses, erles, bycountes, and barones, not hauynge any of the offyces aforesayd, shall sytte and be placed after their auncienties, as it hath ben accustomed.

¶ And it is further enacted, that yf any persone or persons, which at any tyme hereafter shall happen to haue any of the sayd offyces of lord Chauncellour, lord Tresourer, lord Presidente of the kynges counelle, lord Priue seale, or chiefe Secretoye, shall be vnder the degree of a baron of the parlyament, by reason wherof they can haue no interest to gyue any assente or dissent in the sayd howse, that then in euery suche case, suche of them as shall happen to be vnder the sayd degree of a baron, shall sytte and be placed at the vppermoste parte of the sakes, in the myddes of the said parlyament chaumber, eyther there to sytte vppon one fourme, or vpon the vppermoste sake, the one of them aboue the other in order, as is aboue reherfed.

¶ Be it also enacted by auctoritie aforesayde, that in all trialles of trefons by peeres of the realme, if any of the peeres that shall be callyd hereafter to be triours of suche trefons, shall happen to haue any of the offices aforesaid: that than they, hauynge suche offices, shall sytte and be placed accordyng to theyr offyces, aboue all the other peeres, that shall be called to suche trials, in maner and fourme as is aboue mencioned and reherfed.

¶ And it is also enacted by auctoritie aforesayd, that as welle in all parlyamentes, as in the Sterre chaumber, and in all other assemblies and conferences of counsaile, the lord Chauncellour, the lord Tresourer, the lord Presidente, the lord Priue seale, the great Chamberlayn, the Constable, the Marciall, the lord Admirall, the Graunde maister or lord Steward, the kynges Chamberlayne, and the kynges chiefe Secretoy, shall sytte and be placed in suche order and faction as is aboue reherfed, and not in any other place, by auctoritie of this present act.

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An acte auctorysyng the kynges highnesse newely to allotte certayne towne shippes in wales. Capitulo vi.



Where in the parliament begonne and holden at London the third day of November, in the .xxi. yere of the reigne of our most dread souerayne lord kyng HENRY the. viii. and from thens adiourned to westm, and there holden and continued by dyuers prorogations vnto the .iiii. daye of februarie, in the .xxvii. yere of the reigne of our sayd souerayne lord, and then and there holde and continued vnto the dissolution therof, one act and ordinance was made in the session of the said parliament, holden the sayd .iiii. day of februarie, whereby amonges diuers other thinges, diuers shires and countiees were newly made & named within the dominion & principallite of wales, & diuers townes parishes lordships comotes & cantredes within the said dominion & principallite were allotted appointed & limited to the said seuerall shires & countiees, as by the same act moze plainly and particularly among other thinges appereth. And forasmoch as by credible information it was comen into the kynges knowlege, after the makynge of the said act, that som lordships townes parishes comotes hundredes & cantredes were not in differently allotted & limited to the shires named in the sayd act, for the commoditie of the kynges subiectes inhabited therein. It was therfore ordeined and enacted by auctorite of the parliament holden at westm the. viii. day of June, in the .xxviii. yere of the kynges reigne, that the kynges highnes, during the tyme of .iii. yeres next after the ende of the same parliament, shulde haue power & auctorite by writing vnder his great seale, to allot appointe assigne and limite to euery of the shires named in the sayde acte, suche and so many lordshippes townes parishes hamlettes hundredes commotes and cantredes, as his maiestie by his moste high wysedome shulde thynke conuenient and agreable, for the ease and commoditie of his lounge subiectes the inhabitauntes of his said dominion & principallite: And shuld likewise haue power and auctorite to name and assigne the shire townes in euery of the sayd shires, named in the sayd acte. And that euery suche limitation appointment nomination and assignement, to be made by the kynges highnes in that behalfe, by auctorite of the sayd acte, shulde be as good and effectuell to all intentes & purposes, as though it had ben done and made, plainly & pteculatly by auctorite of parliament, any thing contained in the said act, in the session of the said parliament holden the .iiii. day of februarie, in the .xxvii. yere, or any thing or thinges to the contrary therof not withstanding.

And forasmoch as the tyme of .iii. yeres limited to the kingis maiestie by the sayd acte, made in the .xxviii. yere of his graces reigne, is nigh expyred, & his highnes hath had such gret affaires & vrgēt causes to do, concernyng the state and welth of this realme, that by occasion therof his maiestie hath had no conuenient tyme nor leysure, to accōplyshe & execute the power & auctorite committed to his highnes by the sayd acte, made in the sayde .xxviii. yere of his reigne, Be it therfore enacted by auctorite of this pteent parliament, that

that his maiestie, during the space of other.iii. yerres, next after þ̄ fyrst daye of this present parliamēt, shal haue like power and auctoritie, to do b̄e execute and accomplishe all and euery thing and thynges limited & apoynted to his maiestie to be done vsed and accōplished by the same act, made in the said. xxviii. yere of his graces reigne, in as large and ample maner, in euery condicion, as his maiestie mought haue done vsed and accōplished within the said time of thye yerres, limited by þ̄ same acte, as is aforesaid. And that euery such limitation appoyntment nominatiō & assignemēt to be made by the kinges highnes in that behalfe, by auctoritie of this present act, during the space of the said other.iii. yerres, next after þ̄ fyrst day of this present parliamēt, shalbe as good & effectuell, to all intentes & purposes, as though it had ben done & made playnly and particularly by auctoritie of p̄pamente.

CAn acte concerning wrongfull takyng of haukes egges, & birdes out of the nest, finding & taking bp of the kinges haukes, huntynge in the kinges focest parke oꝛ chace oꝛ other ground inclosed, and killynge of conies within any laufull warren of the kynges. Cap. xii.



Where in the parlyment holden at Westm. the. xi. yere of the reigne of the noble p̄ince of famous memoꝝ kyng Henry the vii. it was ordeined, and amōgest other thynges enacted & established, that no man of what condition oꝛ degree so euer he be, shuld take oꝛ cause to be takē the egges of any fauco goshaue oꝛ laner out of the nest, vpon peyn of imprisonment by oñe yere, & further to fyne at the kynges wyl. Not withstanding which estatute diuers ydel & yll disposed persōs, lytel oꝛ nothing regarding oꝛ fearing the prin in the same estatute cōteyned, haue not desisted to take egges of faucōs goshaues & laners out of the nestes, to þ̄ vtter destructiō of the increasē of the same faucōs goshaues & laners, if due refoꝛmatiō in that behalfe be not prouided. In cōsideration wherof it is ordeined & enacted by the kyng our souerayn lord, the lordes spiritual & tēpōral, & the cōmons in this present parliament assembled, & by th̄auctoritie of the same, þ̄ yf any person oꝛ persons of what estate degree oꝛ conditiō so euer he oꝛ they be, after the feast of the natyuite of our Lady next cōming, vnlawfully oꝛ wrongfully take oꝛ cause to be taken any egge oꝛ egges of any fauco goshaue oꝛ laner, oꝛ the birdes of any Faucon Goshaue Laner oꝛ Laner, out of oꝛ frome any neste oꝛ nestes of any faucon goshaue oꝛ laner, within any of the honoꝝ castels maners landes tēsites woddes oꝛ other groudes what so euer they be, of the kynges highnes foꝛ the time being, wherof his said highnes is seised in demain possessiō oꝛ reueriō, oꝛ wherof he taketh the rētes issues reuenues oꝛ profits: that than the same offence and offences, & euery of them, shal be adiudged and taken to be felony, and the offender and offenders therein, being therof laufully conuicted & attainted, by & accoꝛdyng to the lawes of this realme, shalbe demed & adiudged felons, & shal hane & suffre such peynes of death,

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and also lose and forsayte their goodes and cattalles, landes, and tenementes, as in case of felony by the course of the comon lawes of this realme.

¶ Provided alwayes, that this acte or any thing therein before ordeyned & enacted, extende not, nor be in any wise prejudicial or hurtful to any person or persons, whiche after the sayd feast of the natiuitie of our lady, shal take or cause to be taken any egge or egges of any faucon goshaue or laner, or the byrdes of any faucon, goshaue, laner, or lanerette, out of or from any neste or nestes of any faucon, goshaue, or laner, within any honours castelles manours landes tenementes woddes or other groundes, wherof or wherein any person or persons, bodies politike, & corporate, other than the kynges highnes his heires and successours, or any of them, than shal haue any estate of inheritance: any thyng before expessed or mencioned to the contrary therof not withstandinge.

¶ AND be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that yf any person or persons, after the sayd feast of the natiuitie of our lady, happen to fynd and take by any faucon, gerfaucon, Jerkin, sacre, or sacret, goshaue laner, or laneret, beyng the kynges haue or haukes, & haupng vpon hym or them the marke of the kynges armes and vertuels: that then, if the same personne or persones, whiche shal fynde and take vppon any suche faucon gerfaucon, terkyn, sacre or sacret, goshaue, laner, or laneret, within .xii. days next after the takynge by of any suche haue, do not byngge or cause to be brought the same haue so by hym taken, to the maister of the kynges haukes, or to some of his graces fauconers, or within the tyme next abouesaid, do not gyue knowlege of the takynge by of any such haue to the said maister of the kynges haukes for the tyme beyng, or to the shireffe of the shire, for the tyme beyng, where any suche haue shal be taken by, or to oone of the kynges fauconers for the tyme beyng, nere abyding in or to any such partes, where any such haue shalbe founden and taken by, as is aforesaid that than every suche fyndynge and takynge by of any suche haue, & not bynggynge nor gyuyng knowlege therof, as is aforesayd, shalbe adiudged & taken to be felony: and the offender and offenders therein, being therof lawfully couicted and atterpnted, by & accordynge to the lawes of this realme, shal haue and suffre suche peynes of deth, and also lose and forsayte his & their goodes and cattalles landes and tenementes as in case of felonye by the course of the common lawes of this realme.

¶ Provided alwayes, that this acte nor any thyng therein cōteyned, be or shalbe in any wyse prejudiciall or hurtfull to any person or persones, that hereafter shal fynde and take by any of the sayd haukes of the kyng our souerayne lord his heires or successours, & by chance negligently or casually agaynst his or their wyl, lose the same haue or haukes: or if the same haue dye ayenste his or their wyl, before they can or may deliuer the same haue, as is aforesayd.

¶ And where also iustyce and equitie requyrezeth, that euerye inheritour & possessor of manours landes or tenementes within this realme of Eng-
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lande, shuld accordyng to their estates or possessions peaceably and quietly haue take and enioy the profites reuenues and comodities of the same, as well in thynges of hygh pleasure, as in thynges commonly valuable, without iniurie rapine or other extorte wryng to be committed and done to any of them, within or vpon the same, & in especial of & in thynges of plesure, as in hunting within focest parke or chace of the kynges, the quenes, the princis, or of any other of the kynges laifull chyldern for the tyme beynge, ordeyned and prouided for or concernyng his hyghnes, or their pleasure: Be it therfore ordeyned and enacted by thautortie of this present parliamēt, that yf any person or persons, of what estate degree or condicion so euer he or they be, after the sayd feast of the Natyuitie of our lady next commynge, at any tyme of the day, that is to say, betwene the tyme of the arysing of the sonne, and goynge downe of the same, with his face hydde or couered with hode or bysar, or with his face peynted, or hymselfe otherwysse disguised, to thentent that he wold not be knowen, wryngfully enter into any focest park or chace of the kynges hyghnes, the quenes, the princis, or of any other of the kynges said chyldern for tyme beynge, or into any other grounde of his or theirs, inclosed with walle or pale, ordeyned and vsed for keepyng and nourishyng of dere, to thentent to steale any of the same dere, and by any meane of huntynge or otherwysse, as is aforesaid, by stealthe see or take any of the same dere, or byue or chace any of them out of the same focest, chace, parke, or other ground inclosed, as is aforesaid, ordeyned and vsed for keepyng & nourishyng of dere, as is aforesaid, to thentent to steale the same dere. And yf any person, after the sayd feast last befoze remēbred, at any tyme of the daye as is aforesaid, with his face hydde or couered with hood or bysar, or with his face peynted, or hym selfe otherwise disguised, to thentent that he wold not be knowen, take kyll or see with any hey or other nette, or with any firrette or pursnet, any of the conyes or rabbettes, being within any grounde soyle or place, beynge laifull warren of the kynges hyghnesse, the quenes, the princis, or of any other the kynges sayde chyldren, for the tyme beynge, & beynge kepte or vsed as warren for the mayntenaunce and nourishynge of conyes and rabbettes, or in fourme aforesayde, take kyll or see any conyes or rabbettes, beynge within any of the kynges parkes, his heires and successours, or within any parke of the quenes, the princis, or of any other of the kynges said chyldern for the tyme beynge. Except it be suche person or persons, as hath or shall haue the said conies and rabbettes in ferme, or shalbe licenced by the wrytynge of the kyng, the quene, the pince, or of any other of the kynges said chyldern, so to do. And if after the said feast any person or persons, at any tyme in the nyght, that is to say, betwene the tyme of the goynge downe of the sonne, and arysynge of the same, wryngfully enter into any focest chace parke or other ground inclosed, as is aforesaid, of the kynges hyghnes, the quenes, the princis, or of any other of the kynges said chyldern for the tyme beynge, inclosed, ordeined & vsed for the keepyng and nourishynge of dere, to thentent to see steale & take any of the dere of
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the said forest chace or parke, or other ground inclosed, as is aforesaid, or deyned and vsed for the fyndyng of dere, or by any meane of huntynge or other wise, to the intent to steale at any tyme of the nyght, as is aforesayd, see or take any of the dere being in the same: or by any meane in the sayd nyght tyme, chace or dyue out of any such forest chace parke or other ground inclosed, as is aforesaid, of the kinges, his heires and successors, or of the quenes the princis, or of any other of the kinges sayd chyldern, for the tyme being, any of the dere of the same, to the intent to steale the same deere. And at any tyme of the nyght aboue wryten, take kyll or see with any hey or other net, or with any fyret or pursnet, any of the conies or rabbetes in any ground or soyle, being a laful free warren of the kinges highnes for the tyme being, and being kept and vsed as a warren, as is aforesayd, or take kyll or see in forme next aforesayd any conies or rabbetes, in any of the parkes of the kinges highnes, his heires or successors, or of the quenes, the princis, or of any other of the kynges sayd chyldern for the tyme being. Except he or they that shall so offende, hath or shal haue the same conies in ferme, or otherwise licensed, as is aforesayd: that than euery suche offender and offenders for their offences by them or any of them commytted and done, contrary to the purpote and effect of this acte, shalbe demed adiudged & taken as a felon; and euery such offence by any of them committed and done, contrary to this act, as is aforesaid, shalbe demed and adiudged felony. And that euery suche offender and offenders, which shall be therof conuicted and atteynted, accordynge to the lawes of this realme, shall haue and suffre such lyke punishment, and incurre such losses and forfeitures for the same, as ben ordeyned for other felons by the common lawes of this realme.

Prouided alway and be it enacted by thautozitie aforesaid, that no maner of person or persons, of what estate or degree so euer he or they be, shall hereafter be made, demed, or taken by any maner of meane, as accessarie or accessaries to any offender or offenders, offendynge in any thing contrary to the tenour and effect of this act, or of any article or clause therein conteyned, but onely such person and persons as shall hereafter abette and procure any such offender or offenders, to committe and do any offence contrary to this acte, whiche person or persons so abetting and procurynge any offender or offenders, to committe and do any offence contrary to the tenour and effecte of this acte, shall after the same offence done, by the auctozitie aforesayd, be adiudged demed and taken as accessary & accessaries, in lyke manner as in cases of felony at the common lawe.

Prouided alway, that any word article clause sentence forfeiture payne or punishment in this acte befoze expessed and declared, shall not in any wyse extende to any person or persons, that shall hunt take kyll or see any dere conies or rabbetes by day or nyght, contrary to this acte, in any chaces forestes or warens of the kynges, the quenes, the princis, or of any other the kynges sayd chyldern, set lyenge & beyng within his gracyis dominion of Wales, or in the borders apenst Scotlande, the forestes of Snowden in
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Wales only excepted: any thyng in this acte befoze declared & mencioned to the contrary in any wise not withstandyng.

Provided alway, that this acte oꝝ any thyng therein conteyned, extende not to any persone oꝝ persones, whiche shall not be lafullye indyted of any offence in this acte conteyned within one yere nexte after any suche offence committed oꝝ done: This acte oꝝ any thyng therein conteyned to the contrary not withstandyng.

An acte wherby all manours landes profytes and heredytamentes belongyng to any the monasteries or other religious houses dissolued, or hereafter by any meane to be dissolued, are assured to the kynges hyghnes his heires and successours for euer. And howe and in what wyse leasses and grauntes heretofore made or hereafter to be made of them or any part of them shall take effect. Cap. xiii.



Where dyuers & sondy abbottes priors abbesses prioresses & other ecclesiasticall gouernours & gouernesses of diuers monasteries abbathies priories nontries colleges hospitals houses of friers, and other religious and ecclesiasticall houses and places, within this our soueraigne lozde the kynges realme of Englande and Wales, of their owne free and voluntary myndes, good wylls and assentes, without constaynt coaction oꝝ compulsion of any maner of person oꝝ persons sithen the .iiii. day of February, the .xxvii. yere of the raigne of our nowe most dyad souerayne lozde, by the dewe order and course of the common lawes of this his realme of Englande, and by their suffycient wytinges of recoꝝde vnder their couent and common seales, haue feuerally gyuen, granted, and by the same their wytynges feuerally confirmed all their sayde monasteries abbathies priories nontries colleges hospitals houses of friers, and other religious and ecclesiasticall houses and places, & all their sites circuites and pꝛocinctes of the same, and al and singular their manours lordships granges messes landes tenementes medowes pastures rentes reuercions seruices woddes tithes pencions poꝝcions churches chapels aduousons patronages annuities, rightes entres condicions comons letes courtes liberties pꝛiueleges and franchises appertaining oꝝ in any wyse belongyng to any suche monasterie abbathie priorie nontry college hospitall house of friers, and other religious and ecclesiasticall houses & places oꝝ to any of them, by what so euer name oꝝ copꝛozation they oꝝ any of them were than named oꝝ callyd, and of what order habite religyon, oꝝ other kynde oꝝ qualitie so euer they oꝝ any of them than were reputed knowen oꝝ taken: To haue and to holde al the said monasteries abbathies priories nontries colleges hospitalles houses of friers and other religious and ecclesiasticall houses and places sites circuites pꝛocinctes manours landes tenementes medowes pastures rentes reuercions seruices, and all other the pꝛemisses, to our sayde soueraigne lozde, his heires and successours foꝝ euer, and the same their sayd monasteries abbathies priories

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priories nonries colleges hospitals howses of friers, and other religious and ecclesiasticall houses and places sites circuits p[ro]uincies manours lordshippes graunges meales landes tenementes medowes pastures rentes reuercions seruices and other the p[re]misses, voluntarily as is aforesayde, haue renounced lefte and forsaken, and euery of them hath renounced lefte and forsaken: Be it therfore enacted by the kyng our soueraygne lord, and the lordes spirituall and temp[or]all, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by auctoritie of the same, that the kyng our souerain lord shall haue holde possede and enioye to hym his heires and successours for euer, all and syngular suche late monasteries abbathies priories nonries colleges hospitalles houses of friers, and other religious and ecclesiasticall howses and places, of what kyndes natures qualities o[re] diuersities of habites rules p[ro]fessions o[re] orders they o[re] any of them were named known o[re] called, which syth the sayd.iiii. day of februarye, the. xxviii. yere of the reigne of our sayde soueraygne lord, haue bene dissolved suppressed renounced relinq[u]shed forsayted gyuen by o[re] by any other meane come to his highnes, and by the same auctoritie, and in lyke maner shall haue holde possede and enioye all the sites circuits p[ro]uincies manours lordshippes graunges meales landes tenementes medowes pastures rentes reuercions seruices woddess tithes p[er]tions p[or]tions personages appropried by carages churches chapelles aduousons nomynations patronages annuities, ryghtes interestes entrees condicions comons letes courtes liberties p[ri]uileges franchiseles and other what so euer hereditamentes, whyche appertayned o[re] belonged to the said late monasteries abbathies priories nonries colleges hospitalles houses of friers, and other religious o[re] ecclesiasticall houses and places, o[re] to any of them, in as large and ample maner and forme, as the late abbottes priours abbesles prioresses, and other ecclesiasticall gouernours and gouernesses of suche late monasteries, abbathies, priories, nonries colleges hospitalles houses of friers and other religious and ecclesiasticall houses and places, had helde o[re] occupped, o[re] of ryghte oughte to haue had holden o[re] occupped in the ryght of theyr sayde late monasteries abbathies priories nonries colleges hospitalles howses of friers, o[re] other religious o[re] ecclesiasticall houses o[re] places, at the tyme of the sayd dissolution suppression renouncynge relinq[u]shynge forsaytynge gyuyng by, o[re] by any other maner of meane comynge of the same to the kynges highnes sythen the.iiii. day of februarye aboue especified.

¶ And it is further enacted by the auctoritie abouesayde, that not onely all the sayde late monasteries abbathies priories nonries colleges hospitalles howses of friers and other religious and ecclesiasticall houses and places sites circuits p[ro]uincies manours lordshippes graunges meales landes tenementes medowes pastures rentes reuercions seruices and all other the p[re]misses, forthwith immediatly and presentely, but also all other monasteries abbathies priories nonries colleges hospitals houses of friers and al other religious and ecclesiasticall houses and places, which hereafter shall

shall happen to be dissolved suppressed renounced relinquished forfeited given by, or by any other meane come vnto the kinges highnes, and also al the sites circuits p[ro]uincies manours lordships graunges meases landes tenementes medowes pastures rentes reuercions seruices woddess tythes p[er]cions portions personages appropriate vicarages churches chapelles aduousons nominations patronages annuities rightes interestes entrees condicions commons letes courtes liberties p[ri]uileges franchises and other hereditamentes, what so euer they be, belongyng or appertaynyng to the same or to any of them, whan so euer and as lone as they shall be so dissolved suppressed renounced relinquished forfeited given by, or by any other meane come vnto the kinges highnes, shall be vested demed and adiuged by auctoritie of this present parliament, in the very actuell and real selson and possession of the kyng our sayd soueraigne lord his heires and successours for euer, in the state and condition as they now be, and as though all the sayd late monasteries abbathies p[ri]ories nontries colleges hospitalles houses of friers, and all other religious and ecclesiasticall houses and places so dissolved suppressed renounced relinquished forfeited given by or come to the kynges highnes, as is aforesayde, as also the sayde monasteries abbathies p[ri]ories nontries colleges hospitals houses of friers and other religious & ecclesiasticall houses and places, whiche hereafter shall happen to be dissolved suppressed renounced relinquished forfeited given by or come vnto the kynges highnes sites circuits p[ro]uincies manours lordshippes graunges landes tenementes and other the premises, what so euer they be, and euery of them were in this present act specially and particularly rehearsed named and expresse by expresse wordes names titles and faculties, and in their natures kyndes and qualities.

¶ And be it also enacted by th[a] auctoritie aforesaid, that all the said late monasteries abbathies p[ri]ories nontries colleges hospitalles houses of friers and other religious and ecclesiasticall houses and places, whiche bene dissolved suppressed renounced relinquished given by, or come to the kynges highnes by any maner of meanes as is aforesaid, and al the manours lordships graunges landes tenementes & other the premises (except suche therof as be comen to the kinges handes by atteinder or atteinders of tresp[er]son) And al the sayde monasteries abbathies p[ri]ories nontries colleges hospitals houses of friers and other religious and ecclesiasticall houses & places, whiche hereafter shall happen to be dissolved suppressed renounced relinquished forfeited given by or come vnto the kinges highnes, & all the manours lordships graunges landes tenementes medowes pastures rentes reuercions seruices woddess tythes p[er]cions p[er]cions p[er]sonages appropriate vicarages churches chapelles aduousons nominations patronages annuities rightes interestes entrees condicions commons letes courtes liberties p[ri]uileges franchises & other hereditamentes what so euer they be, belonging to the same or to any of them, excepte suche therof, whiche shall happen to come to the kinges highnes by atteinder or atteinders of tresp[er]son) shall be in the order suruey & gouernance of our sayd soueraigne

chaunge lozde the kynges courte of Augmentations of the reuenues of his crowne, and of the chancellour officers and minystrs of the same. And all the fermes issues reuenues and profytes, commynge and growynge of the pzemisses, and of euery parte therof (except befoze excepte) shall be ozdered taken and receyued to the kynges vse by the sayde chauncellour, minystrs, and offycers of the same courte, in suche and lyke maner and fourme as the monasteries, ppyories, sites, circuytes, manours, granges, meses, landes, tenementes, rentes, reuercions, seruices, tythes, pencions, portions, aduousons, pattonages, ryghtes, entrees, condicions, and other heredytamentes late appertaynyng oꝛ belongyng vnto the monasteries abbathies ppyories oꝛ other religious houses, late by auctoritie of parliament suppressed, bene ozdered surueyed and gouerned. Sayynge to all and euery person and persons and bodies politike and theyꝝ heyes and successours, and the heires and successours of all and euery of them, other thanne the sayde late abbottes, priours, abbesses, ppyoresses, and other ecclesiasticall gouernours and gouernesses of the sayd late monastreyes abbathies ppyories nonries colleges hospitalles houses of fryers, and other religious and ecclesiasticall houses and places and theyꝝ successours, and the successours of euery of them, and suche as pretende to be founders patrones oꝛ donours of suche monasteries abbathies ppyories nonries colleges hospitalles houses of fryers and other ecclesiasticall howses and places, oꝛ of any manours messuages landes tenementes oꝛ other hereditamentes, belongynge to the same, oꝛ to any of theym, theyꝝ heyes and successours, and the heyes and successours of euery suche founder patrone oꝛ donour, and the now abbottes priours abbesses ppyoresses, and other ecclesiastical gouernours and gouernesses of suche monasteries abbathies ppyories nonries colleges hospitalles houses of fryers, and other religious and ecclesiasticall howses and places, whiche hereafter shall happen to be dissolued suppressed renounced belinquished forfayted gyuen by oꝛ com to the kynges highnes, and such as pretende to be founders patrons oꝛ donours of such monasteries abbathies ppyories nonries colleges hospitalles houses of fryers and other ecclesiastical houses and places, oꝛ of any manours messuages landes tenementes oꝛ other hereditamentes to the same belongyng, oꝛ to any of them, their heires and successours, and the heyes and successours of euery of theym; all suche right title clayme interest possession rentes charges annuities leases fermes offyces fees lpyerries and lpynges portions pencions corrodies commons synodes ppyories and other profytes, whiche they oꝛ any of them haue clayme ought may oꝛ myght haue had in oꝛ to the pzemisses, oꝛ to any parte oꝛ parcell therof, in suche lyke maner fourme and condition, to all intentes respectes constructions and purposes, as if this acte had neuer bene hadde made, rentes seruyces, rentes secke, and all other seruyces and suites onely excepte.

¶ Provided always, and be it enacted by the auctoritie abouesayde, that if any late abbotte priour abbesse ppyoresse oꝛ other ecclesiastical gouernour oꝛ gouer-

gouernesse about sayd, within one yere next befoze the dissolution suppressi-
 on tennynge relinquysshynge forsaytynge grynynge by or comynge to the
 kynges byghenes of his late monastery, abbathye priorye nontie college hos-
 pital house of friers, or other religious or ecclesiasticall house or place, hath
 made any lease or graunte vnder his couent or common seale, or other wyse,
 for terme of lyfe, or for terme of yeres, of the lyfe, cyrcuite, and prouicte of
 his sayde late monastery, abbathye, priorye nontie college hospitall house of
 friers or other religious or ecclesiasticall house or place, or of any part ther-
 of, or of any manours, messuages, graunges, landes, tenementes, person-
 nages appropriate, tythes, pencions, porcions, or other hereditamentes,
 which belonged or appertayned to his sayde late monastery abbathye priorye
 nontie college hospitall house of friers or other religious or ecclesiasticall
 house or place, which manours, meassuages, graunges, landes, tenemen-
 tes, personages appropriate, tythes, pencions, porcions, or other heredita-
 mentes were not befoze the same lease to only bled to be set nor let to ferme,
 but kept and reserved in the manurades tyllage or occupation of the sayde
 gouernour or gouernesse, for the mayntenance of hospitalite and good
 house keepynge, or within one yere as is aboue sayd, hath made any lease or
 graunte for terme of lyfe, or for terme of yeres, of any manours, meassuages
 landes, tenementes, medowes, pastures, woddes, personages appropriat,
 tythes, pencions, porcions, churches, chapelles, or other hereditamentes,
 what so euer they be, wherof or in the which any estate or interest for terme
 of lyfe, yere or yeres, at the tyme of makynge of any suche graunte or lease,
 than hadde his beyng or contynuaunce, and than was not determined, fy-
 nished, or expyred, or within the tyme of one yere, as is aboue sayde, hath
 made any lease or graunte for terme of lyfe, or for terme of yeres of any ma-
 nours, messuages, landes, tenementes, medowes, pastures, woddes, per-
 sonnages appropriate, tythes, pencions, porcions, churches, chapelles, or
 other hereditamentes, what so euer they be, vppon the whiche leases and
 grauntes the vsuall and olde rentes and fermes accustomed to be peldern
 and reserved by the space of twentye yeres next befoze the first daye of this
 present Parlyamente, is and be not therevpon reserved and holden: Or yf
 anye suche gouernour or gouernesse hath made anye bargayne or sale of
 his wooddes within one yere, as is afoze lymitted, whiche wooddes be yet
 growynge and standynge, that then all and euery suche lease graunte bar-
 gayne and sale of woodde or wooddes shall be utterly voyde and of none
 effecte.

¶ And it is also enacted by auctorite afozesayde, that all feoffementes fy-
 nes and recoueries hadde made knowledged or suffered by any gouernour
 or gouernesse, without the kynges lycence vnder his great seale, within one
 yere next befoze the dissolution, tennynge, relinquysshynge, forsay-
 tynge, grynynge bype, or comynge to the kynges byghenelle of his
 sayde monasterye, abbathye, priorye, nontie, colledge hospitall, house of
 friers, or other religious or ecclesiasticall house or place, of anye manours

meases, landes, tenementes, or other hereditamentes, what so ever they be, whiche the sayde late abbotte, priour, abbesse, prioress, and other ecclesiasticall gouernour and gouernesse, or anye of theym, or any of their predecessours hadde or helde of the grante, or confirmation of our sayde soueraygne lord, or of any of his hyghnesse progenytours, or of the whiche monasteries, abbathies, priories, nonries, colledges, hospytalles, howses of fryers, or other religyouse and ecclesiasticall howses or places, oure sayde soueraygne lord was founder or patron, or whiche manours, meases, landes, tenementes, or other hereditamentes were of the auncient or olde foundation or possession of the sayd late monasteries, abbathies, priories, nonries, colledges, hospytalles, howses of fryers, or other religious or ecclesiasticall howses or places, shall be utterly void and of none effecte.

AND IT IS FURTHER enacted by thautozitie abovesayde, that if any abbotte, priour, abbesse, prioress, or other ecclesiasticall gouernour or gouernesse of any monastere, abbathie, priorie, nonrie, colledge, hospytall, house of fryers, or other religious or ecclesiasticall howse or place, whiche hereafter shall happen to be dissolued, suppressed, renounced, relinquished, forfayted, gyven by or come to the kynges hyghnesse within one yere nexte before the fyrste day of this present parlyament haue made or hereafter do make any lease or graunt vnder his couent or comon seale, or other wise for terme of yeres, or lyfe or lyues, of the site circuite and p[ro]cincte of his sayde monastere, abbathie, priory, nonrie, colledge, hospytall, house of fryers, or other religious or ecclesiasticall howse or place, or of any part thereof, or of any manours, messuages, landes, tenementes, personages approp[ri]ate, tithes, pencions, portions, or other hereditamentes belongynge or appertaynynge to his sayde monastere, abbathie, priory, nonrie, college, hospytall, house of fryers, or other religious or ecclesiasticall howse or place, whiche manours, meases, graunges, landes, tenementes, personages approp[ri]ate, tithes, pencions, portions, or other hereditamentes, what so ever they be, were not before the same lease commonly v[er]sed to be sette nor lette to ferme, but kepte and reserved in the manurance tyllage or occupation of the sayd gouernour or gouernesse for the mayntenaunce of hospytalite, and good howse keepynge, or now be in the manurance, tyllage or occupation of the sayde gouernour or gouernesse for the mayntenaunce of hospytalite and good howse keepynge, or within oone yere nexte before the fyrste daye of this presente parlyamente, hath made, or hereafter shall make any lease or graunte for terme of lyfe, or for terme of yeres, of any manours, meases, landes, tenementes, medowes, pastures, woddes, personages approp[ri]ate, tithes, pencions, portions, chutches, chappelles, or other hereditamentes, what so ever they be, whereof and in the whiche any estate or interest for terme of lyfe, yere or yeres, atte the tyme of makynge of anye suche graunte or lease thanne hadde his beinge or contynuaunce, or hereafter shall haue his beinge or contynuaunce, and

and than was not determyned synyshed oꝛ expired, oꝛ at the tyme of any suche lease to be made shall not be determyned synyshed oꝛ expired, oꝛ within one yere nexte befoze the fyfthe daye of this presente parliamente, hath made oꝛ hereafter shall make any lease oꝛ graunte foꝛ terme of lyfe, oꝛ foꝛ terme of yeres, of any manours, messuages, landes, tenementes, medowes, pastures, woddes, personages appropiate, tithes, pencions, portions, churches, chapels, oꝛ other hereditamentes, what so euer they be, vpon the whiche leases and grauntes, the vsualle and olde rentes and fermes accustomed to be yelden and reserued by the space of. xx. yeres nexte befoze the sayd fyfthe daye of this present parliament, is oꝛ be not, oꝛ hereafter shall not be therbypon reserued & yelden: Oꝛ yf any such gouernour oꝛ gouernesse of any suche monastery, abbathie, priory, nonry, colledge, hospytalle, house of fryers, oꝛ other religious oꝛ ecclesiasticall house oꝛ place, whiche hereafter shall happen to be dissolued, suppressed, renounced, relinqnyshed, forfayted, gyuen byppe, oꝛ comme to the kynges hyghnesse, within one yere nexte befoze the fyfthe daye of this presente parlyamente, hath made, oꝛ hereafter shall make any bargayne oꝛ sale of his woddes, whiche woddes be yet growynge and standynge, that thanne all and euery suche lease graunt bargayne and sale of wodde oꝛ woddes, shall be utterly voyde, and of none effecte.

¶ And it is also enacted by thautozittie aforesayd, that all feoffmētes fynes and recoueries hadde, made, knowledged, oꝛ suffered, within oone yere nexte befoze the fyfthe daye of this present parlyament, oꝛ hereafter to be hadde made knowledged oꝛ suffered by any gouernour oꝛ gouernesse of any monastery, abbathie, priory, nonrie, colledge, hospytall, house of fryers, oꝛ other religious oꝛ ecclesiasticall howse oꝛ place, whiche hereafter shall happen to be dissolued, suppressed, renounced, relinqnyshed, forfayted, gyuen byppe, oꝛ comme to the kynges hyghnesse, withoute the kynges lycence vnder his greatte seale, of any manours, meases, landes, tenementes, oꝛ other hereditamentes, what soo euer they be, whiche the sayde abbottes, priours, abbesses, prioresses, and other ecclesiasticall gouernours and gouernesses, whiche hereafter shall happen to be dissolued, suppressed relinqnyshed forfayted gyuen by oꝛ come vnto the kinges highnes, as is afoze sayde, oꝛ any of theym, oꝛ any of theyꝝ predecessours hadde oꝛ helde, oꝛ haue and holde of the gyfte, graunte, oꝛ confirmation of oure sayde soueraygne lord, oꝛ of any of his hyghnesse progenytours, oꝛ of the whiche monasteries, abbathies, priories, nonries, colledges, hospytalles, howses of fryers, oꝛ other religious oꝛ ecclesiasticall howses oꝛ places, oure sayde soueraygne lord is founder oꝛ patrone, oꝛ whiche manours, meases, landes, tenementes, oꝛ other hereditamentes, were oꝛ be of the auncient oꝛ olde foundation oꝛ possession of the sayde monasteries, abbathyes, priories, nonries, colledges, hospitalles, howses of fryers, oꝛ other religious oꝛ ecclesiastical howses oꝛ places shall be utterly voyde and of none effecte.

Prouided alway, & be it enacted by auctorite abouesayd, that yf any abbot priour abbesse or prioressse, or other gouernour or gouernesse abouesayd, within one yere nexte befoze the fyrste daye of this present parliament, or yf any late abbotte, priour, abbesse, prioressse, or other late gouernour or gouernesse aboue sayd, within one yere nexte befoze any such dissolution, suppression, renouuncyng, relinquyng, forsaytynge, grynge vpp, or commyng to the kynges hyghnesse of the p[re]misses, or of any parcell thereof, as is aforesayd, haue made any demyse, lease, or graunte, to any personne or personnes for terme of yeres, of any manoures, meases, landes, tenementes, personnages appropiate, tythes pencions, portions, or other hereditamentes aforesayd, whiche persone or personnes at the tyme of the sayde demyse, lease, or graunte, hadde and helde the same to ferme for terme of yeres than not expyred: that thanne the sayd personne or personnes, to whome any suche demyse, lease, or graunt hath bene soo made, shall haue and holde the same for the terme of. xxi. yeres oonely frome the tyme of the makynge of the sayde demyse, lease, or graunte, yf so many yeres be by the same demyse lease or graunte specified limited and expressed, or els for so many yeres as in suche demyse lease or graunt ben expressed, so that the olde rente be therby reserved, and so that the same lease or leases excede not. xxi. yeres. This acte or any thyng therein conteyned to the contrarye not withstandynge.

Prouided also, and be it enacted by th[a] auctorite abouesayd, that yf any abbotte priour abbesse prioressse, or other late gouernour or gouernesse within one yere next befoze any suche dissolution suppression renouuncyng relinquyng forsaytynge grynge vpp or commyng vnto the kynges hyghnesse of the p[re]misses or of any parcell thereof, as is aforesayd, haue made any demyse lease or graunte to any persone or personnes for terme of lyfe or lyues of any maners meases landes tenementes personnages appropiate, tythes pencions portions or other hereditamentes aforesayd, which person or persons or any of them, at the tyme of the sayde demyse lease or graunte, hadde and helde the same for terme of lyfe or lyues, or for terme of yeres than not expyred: that then the sayde person or personnes, to whom any suche lease or graunt hath bene soo made, shall haue and holde the same for terme of theyr lyfe or lyues, soo that the olde rente be therby reserved: This acte or any other thyng therein conteyned to the contrarye thereof not withstandynge.

Prouided also and be it enacted by the auctorite aforesayd, that all & singular leases and grauntes, made by Copy to any persone or persons of any of the sayde mesuages, landes, tenementes, personnages appropiate, tythes, pencions, portions, or other hereditamentes aforesayd, for terme of lyfe or lyues, whiche by the custome of the countrey, hath ben vsed to be demysed, letten or graunted by coppe of courte rolle, shall be good and effectuell in the lawe, so that the olde rente be reserved by and vpon euery suche lease and leases: this acte or any thyng therein conteyned to the

to the contrary in any wyse not withstandynge.

¶ Provided alwaye and be it further enacted by thautozitie aforesayde, that all leases heretofore made of any the premisses by auctozitie of our soueraygne lord the kynges courte of augmentations, of the reuenues of his crowne, and all suche leases feoffementes and woddesaies, made by the sayde gouernours or gouernesses, or any of theym, vnder theyr couent seales, or vnder the couent or common seale of anye of theym, within one yere nexte before the dissolution suppressiō renuncyng relinquisshyng forfaytinge gyuyng by or comyng to the kynges hyghenes, of the sayde monasteries abbathies priories nonries colleges hospitalles houses of friers, or other religious or ecclesiasticall houses or places, whiche sayde leases graūtes feoffementes and wodge sales haue ben examined entolled decreed or affirmed in our sayde soueraygne lord the kynges courte of augmentations, and the decree of the same put in wytyng, sealed with the seale of the sayde courte of Augmentations, shall be good and effectuell accordyng to the same decree: any clause or acte, here tofore in this present acte to the contrary notwithstandinge.

¶ Provided alwaye and be it alsoo further enacted by thautozitie aboue sayde, that yf any personne or personnes haue iustely and truly, without fraude or couyne, payde or gyuen any summe or summes of moneye to any the sayde late gouernours or gouernesses, for the bargayne and sale of any wooddes, beyng and growyng in or vppon any manours, landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, whiche apperteyned or belonged to the sayde late monasteries, abbathies, priories, nonries, colleges, hospitalles, houses of friers, or other religious or ecclesiastical places, or vnto any of them, whiche bargayne and sale, by auctozitie of this acte, is made voyde and of none effecte, and by meane thereof the kynges hyghenes may haue and take the commoditie and profyte of suche wooddes, so bargayned and sould: that then the Chauncellour and other officers of our sayde soueraygne Lord the kynges courte of Augmentations, or thre of theym, wherof the Chauncellour for the tyme beyng shall be one, of oure sayde soueraygne Lord the kynges treasure, remaynyng in the treasoure of the same courte, shall satisfie and recompence euery suche personne and personnes, suche somme of moneye, or other recompence, as the same Chauncelloure and officers, or thre of theym, wherof the sayde Chauncelloure shall be one, shall thynke mete and conuenient. And yf any other person or personnes, shall happen to take profyte and commoditie, by reason of auoydnyng of suche woodde sales by auctozite of this acte, that then euery personne and personnes, whiche maye or shall take suche profyte, shall be ordered for satisfaction to be made to the parties, that shall happen to be greued by this acte, by the sayde Chauncelloure and other the officers of the same courte.

¶ Provided also, and be it further enacted by thautozitie aboue sayd, that all and euery person and persons theyr heyres and assignes, whiche sythen

the sayde .iiii. daye of february, by licence pardone confirmation relese assente or consente of our sayd soueraygne lord the kynge, vnder his gret seale heretofore gyuen had or made, or here after to be had or made, haue obteyned or purchased by indenture fyne feoffement recouery or other wyse of the sayde late abbottes, priours, abbesses, prioresses, or other gouernours or gouernesses of any suche monasteries, abbathies, priories, nontries, colleges, hospitalles, houses of friers, or other religious or ecclesiasticall houses or places, any monasteries, priories, colleges, hospitalles, manours, landes, tenementes, medowes, pastures, woddes, churches, chapelles, personages, tythes, pencions, porcions, or other hereditamentes, shall haue and enioye the same accorpyng to suche wyptynges and assurances as bene thereof befoze the daye of this present parliament or hereafter shall be had or made.

Sauynge to all and euery person and personnes and bodyes politike theyr heyres and successours, and to the heyres and successours of euery of them other than the sayde late abbottes, abbesses, priours, prioresses, and other gouernours and gouernesses and theyr successours, and the successours of euery of them, and suche as pretende to be founders, pattons, or donours of the sayd monasteries, abbacies, priories, nontries, colleges, hospitalles and other religious or ecclesiasticall houses or places or of any of them, or of any manours, mesuages, landes, tenementes, or other hereditamentes late belongynge to the same, or to any of theym and theyr heyres successours, and the heyres and successours of euery suche founder patton, or donour, all suche ryght, tyle, interest, possession, rentes, annuities, commodities, offices, fees, liueries, and liuynges, porcions, pencions, corrodies, synodes, priories and other profytes, whiche they or any of them haue ought or mought haue had in or to any the sayde monasteries, abbathies, priories, colleges, hospitalles, manours, landes, tenementes, rentes seruices, reuertions, tythes, pencions, porcions or other hereditamentes at any tyme befoze any suche purchas, indentures, fines, feoffementes, recoueries or other lawfull meane betwene any suche parties had or made, as is aboue sayd, this acte or any thyng therein conteyned to the contrary notwithstandinge.

And where our sayde soueraygne lord the .iiii. daye of february, the sayde .xxvii. yere of the reigne of our sayd soueraygne lord, hath opteyned and purchased as well by exchaunges as by gyftes bargaynes fyne feoffementes recoueries dedes entolled and other wyse of dyuers and sondy persons many sondy and dyuers honours castels manours landes tenementes medowes pastures woddes rentes reuertions seruices and other hereditamentes, and hath not onely payd dyuers and sondy great summes of money for the same, but also hath gyuen and graunted for the same, vnto dyuers and sondy persons dyuers and sondy manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes, and other recompenses in and for full satisfaction of all such honours castelles manours landes tenementes rentes reuertions

ons seruices and other his hereditamentes by his hyghenes opteyned or had as is aboue sayd. Be it therfoze enacted by the auctoritie aboue sayde, that our sayd soueraygne lord the kynge, his heyres and successours, shal haue holde possede and enioye all suche honours castles manours landes tenementes and other hereditamentes as his hyghenes syth the sayd. iiii. daie of february, the. xxviii. yere aboue sayde, hath obteyned and had by waye of exchaunge bargayne purchace or other what so euer meane or meanes accordynge to the true meanynge and intent of his hyghnes bargayne exchaunge or purchas, mystecitall misnampynge or non recytall or not namynge of the sayd honours castelles manours landes tenementes and other hereditamentes comprised or mencioned in the bargaynes or wytinges made betwene the kynges hyghnes and any other partie or parties: or of the towne or countie, where the sayd honours castelles manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes lye and ben, or any other mattier or cause what so euer it be in any wyse not withstandynge.

Sauinge to all and euery person and persons, and to their heyres, bodies politike and corpozate and to theyr successours and to euery of them, other then suche person and persons, and their heires and theyr wyfes, and the wyues of euery of them, bodies politike and corpozate and theyr successours and euery of them, of whome the kynges hyghnes hath optayned by exchange gyfte bargayne fine feoffment recouery dede entolled or otherwyse, any suche honours castles manours landes tenementes and other hereditamentes as is afoze sayde, all suche ryghte tithes vse interest possession rentes charges annuities comodities fees and other profyttes (rentes seruices and rentes seckes only except) which they or any of them haue might or ought to haue had in or to the premises so obteyned and had, or in or to any parcell therof, yf this acte had neuer ben hadde nor made, this presente acte, or any thyng therein conteyned to the contrary notwithstanding.

And where it hath pleased the kynges hyghnes of his most abundant grace and goodnes, aswell vpon dyuers and sondry cōsiderations his maiestie specially mouinge, as also otherwyse to haue bargayned solde chaunged or gyuen and graunted by his graces seuerallettres patentes indentures or other wytinges, aswell vnder his hyghnes great seale, as vnder the seale of his hyghnes Duchie of Lancastre, and the seale of thoffice of the augmentations of his crowne, vnto dyuers and sundry of his loupynge and obedient subiectes, dyuers and sondry honours castelles manours monasteries abbathies priories landes tenementes rentes reuercions seruices personages appropriated aduousons liberties tithes oblations portions pensions franchises priuileges liberties and other hereditamentes comodities and profyttes, in fee simple fee tayle for terme of lyfe, or for terme of yeres: For auoydynge of whiche saydlettres patentes and of the cōtentes of the same, dyuers sondry and many ambiguities doubtres & questios might hereafter arysse be moued and styed, as wel for mistecitall or nonrecital, as for dyuers other mattiers thynges or causes to be alleged objected or inuent

ted againste the sayde lettres patentes, as also for lacke of fyndyng of offices or inquisitions, wherby the title of his hyghnes therein ought to haue bene founde, befoze the makynge of the same lettres patentes, or for misrecitall or nonrecitall of leases, as well of recozde as not of recozde, or for lacke of the certayntie of the values, or by reason of misnamynge of the honours castelles manours monasteries abbathies priories landes tenementes and other hereditamentes compysed and mencioned within the same lettres patentes, or of the townes and counties, where the same honours castelles manours monasteries abbathies priories landes tenementes rentes and other hereditamentes lyen and ben, as for dyuers and sondry other suggestions and surmises, which hereafter might happen to be moued surmised and procured against the same lettres patentes: all be it the wordes in effect conteyned in the sayde lettres patentes be accordyng to the true intent and meaning of his most roiall maiestie. Be it therfore enacted by the authoritie of this present parlyment, that as wel all and euery the sayd lettres patentes indentures or other wytynges and euery of them, vnder the seale or scales aboue sayde, or of any of them, made or graunted by the kynges hyghnes, sythen the sayd. iiii. day of february, the sayde. xxvii. yere of his most noble reigne as all and singular other his graces lettres patentes indentures or other wytynges to be had made or graunted to any person or persons within thys yeres next after the making of this present acte of any honours castels manours monasteries abbathies priories nories colleges hospitalles houses of friers or of other religiouse or ecclesiasticall houses or places sitis circuitis pociunctis landes tenementes personages tythes pencions portions aduousons nominations and all other hereditamentes and possessions, of what kynde nature or qualitie soo euer they be, or by what so euer name or names they or any of them be named known or reputed, shall stande and be good effectuell and auaylable in the lawe of this realme to all respectes purposes constructions and intentes agaynste his maiestie his heyes and successours, without any other lycence dispensation or tollerance of the kynges hyghnes his heyes or successours, or of any other person or persons what so euer they be, for any thyng or thynges conteyned or hereafter to be conteyned in any such lettres patentes indentures or other wytynges: any cause consideration or thyng materiall to the contrarye in any wyse not withstandynge.

Sauynge to all and singular persones, bodyes politike and corporate, theyr heyes and successours, & the heyes and successours of euery of them other then his hyghnes his heyes and successours, and the sayde gouernours and gouernesses and theyr successours donours founders and patrons afore named and theyr heyes and successours, and all other persons claymyng in theyr ryghtes or to theyr vse, or in the ryght or to thuse of any of them, all suche ryght title clayme interest possession reuercion remaydye offices annuities rentcharges and commons, whiche they or any of theym haue ought or mought haue had in or to any of the sayd honours castelles manours

manours, monasteries, abbathies, priories, landes, tenementes, and other hereditamentes in the sayde letters patentes made, or hereafter to be made, compysed at any tyme befoze the makynge of the sayde or suche lettres patentes: This acte or any thyng therein conteyned to the contrary not withstandynge.

CAND where dyuers and sondre abbottes priours abbeses prioresses and other ecclesiastical gouernours and gouernesses of the sayd late monasteries abbathies priories nuntries colleges hospitals houses of friers and other religious and ecclesiastical houses & places, haue had possed and enioyed dyuers and sondre personages appropriated tithes pencions and porcions, and also were acquitted and discharged of and for the payment or paymētes of tithes to be payd out or for their sayd monasteries abbathies priories nuntries colleges hospitalles houses of friers, and other religious and ecclesiastical houses and places manours meassuages landes tenementes and hereditamentes: Be it therfoze enacted by thactoztie aboue sayd, that as well the kynge our sonerayne lord, his heires and successors, as all and euery such persone and persons, theyr heires and assignes, whiche haue or hereafter shal haue any monasteries abbathies priories nuntries colleges hospitals houses of friers, or other ecclesiastical houses or places sites circuites pociunces of the same, or of any of theym, or any manours, mesuages, personages appropriate, tithes, pencions, porcions, or other hereditamentes what so euer they be, whiche belonged or appertayned, or whiche now belonge or appertayne vnto the sayde monasteries abbathies priories nuntries colleges hospitals houses of friers, or other religious and ecclesiastical houses or places, or vnto any of them, shal haue holde reteyn kepe and enioy as well the sayde personages appropriate tithes pencions and porcions as the sayde monasteries abbathies priories nuntries colleges hospitalles houses of friers and other religious and ecclesiastical houses and places sites circuites pociunces manours meses landes tenementes and other hereditamentes, what so euer they be and euery of them, accordynge to theyr estates and titles, dyscharged and acquieted of payment of tythes as freely and in as large and ample maner as the sayde late abbottes priours abbeses prioresses and other ecclesiastical gouernours and gouernesses, or any of them hadde helde occupied, possed, vsed, reteyned, or enioyed the same, or any parcell therof at the days of theyr dissolution suppressyon renuncynge relinquisshynge sozsaytynge grynge byppe, or commynge to the kynges highnes of such monasteries abbathies priories nuntries colleges hospitals houses of friers, or other religious or ecclesiastical houses or places, or at the day of the dissolution suppressyon renuncynge relinquisshynge grynge byp or commynge to the kynges highnesse of any of them: this acte or any thyng therein conteyned to the contrary not withstanding. **S**aupnge to the kynges highnes his heires and successours all and all maner of rentes seruices and other dueties, what soo euer they be, as yf this acte had neuer ben had nor made.

And

And be it further enacted by actozitie of this present parlyament, that suche of the sayd late monasteries abbathies priories nunties colledges hospytals houses of fryers, and other religious and ecclesiasticall howses and places, and all churches and chapels, to theym or any of theym belonging, which befoze the dissolution suppression renouuncyng relinquishing forsaptyng gpyng bp or comyng vnto the kynges highnes, were exempted from the visitation or visitation and all other iurisdiction of the ordinary or ordinaries, within whose diocesse they were sytuate or sette, shall frome hensforth be within the iurisdiction and visitation of the ordinary or ordinaries, within whose diocesse, they or any of them be situate and sette, or within the iurisdiction and visitation of suche persone or persones, as by the kynges highnes shall be limited or appoynted: This acte or any other exemption libertie or iurisdiction to the contrary not withstandinge.

And where befoze this tyme it hath pleased the kynges maiestie, atte the contemplation and humble petition of the ryghte noble Thomas Duke of Norfolk. to gyue his rovall assent and lycence by his gracy worde, without any maner of lettres patentes, or other wytyng, to purchase and receyue to hym & to his heires for euer, of Wylliam Flatbery, late abbot of the monasterie of Sipton, in the countie of Suff. and couente of the same late monasterie now beynge dissolved, all the same monasterie togyther, with all and syngular manours, lordshyppes, landes, tenementes, woddes, waters commons courtes letes aduousons patronages personages bycarges chauntries free chapelles tithes portions of tithes pencions annuities rentes suites seruices reuerends remaynders and all other thynges, whiche were the hereditamentes or the possessions of the sayde late monasterie, where so euer they laye or were within the realme of Englande. And in lyke wyse oure sayde soueraygne lord gaue lyke lycence by his gracy worde vnto the ryghte honourable George lord Cobham, to pourchase and receyue to hym & to his heires for euer, of the late master and byetherne of the colledge or chauntre of Cobham, in the countie of Kent, now beynge vtterlye dissolved, the site of the same colledge or chauntre, and all and syngular theyr hereditamentes and possessions, as well tempozall as ecclesiastical, where so euer they lay or were within the realme of England. Be it therfoze enacted by thautozitie of this present parlyament, that the acte aboue wytten, or any thyng therein conteyned, shall not be in anye wyse prejudiciall or hurtfull to the sayde Duke, and lord Cobham, or to eyther of them, or to the heyres or assignes of eyther of theym: but that the same Duke and lord Cobham and eyther of them sondrily, and the heyres & assignes of eyther of them, shall and may haue holde receyue and enioy the pzemisses by them sondrily purchased or receyued, accordyng to the purpotes and effectes of such euidences wytinges and coueiances, as they or any of them sondrily haue caused to be deuised and made to theym, or to theyr bies for the same. Sauynge alwaye and reserupnge to all and syngular persons and bodies polityke and to their heyres & successours, other than the

the sayde late abbotte and couent, and theiſſe ſucceſſours, and the ſayde late maſter and bytherne, and theiſſe ſucceſſours, and the foundeſſers of the ſame monaſterie oꝛ of the ſayde college oꝛ chauntre, and the heires of eyther of them, and all donours, graunters, oꝛ augmenters of them, oꝛ of eyther of them, and the heires and aſſignes of either of them, all ſuche rightes titles poſſeſſions tenes ſeruiſes fees offices annuities cottodies lpueries leaſes & al other theiſſe ſuch intereſſes pꝛofites & comodities, as thei oꝛ any of them had ſhulde oꝛ ought to haue, of to oꝛ in any of the pꝛemiſſes ſondaye pꝛou- chaled oꝛ receyued by the ſayde duke oꝛ lord Cobham, if this pꝛeſente acte had neuer ben had oꝛ made, any thyng in the ſame acte to the contrary be- inge in any wyſe not withſtandynge.

AN ACTE FOR ABOLISHYNGE OF
DIVERSITIE OF OPINIONS IN CERTAYNE
ARTICLES CONCERNINGE CHRIS-
TEN RELYGION.

CAP. XIII.

Anno. 1538.



HERE THE KYNGES MOST excellent maieſtie is by gods law ſupreme heed immediatly vnder him of this holo churche and congregacion of England, intendinge the conſeruacion of the ſame churche and congregacion in a true ſyncere and vniſorme doctrine of Chriſtes religion, callinge alſo to his bleſſed and moſt gracious remembraunce, aſwel the great and quiet aſſurance, pꝛoſperous increaſe, and other innumera- ble commodities, whiche haue euer enſued come and folowed of Concord agreement and vnitie in opinions, as alſo the manyſolde perylls dangers and inconueniences, which haue heretofore in many places and regions, growen ſpꝛonge and ar ryſen of the diuerſities of myndes and opinions, eſpecially of matters of Chriſten religion: And therfore deſyring that ſu- che an vnitie myght and ſhoulde be charitably eſtabliſhed in all thinges, touchynge and concernynge the ſame, as the ſame ſo beyng eſtabliſhed myght chiefly be to the honoure of almyghtye God, the verye authoure and fountayne of all true vnitie and ſyncere conſorde, and conſequentlye redounde to the common welth of this his hyghenes moſte noble realme, and of all his loutinge ſubiectes, and other reſidauntes and inhabitauntes of oꝛ in the ſame: hath therfore cauſed and commaunded this his moſte hyghe courte of Parlyamente, for ſondꝛe and manye vrgente cauſes and conſideracions, to be at this tyme ſommoned, and alſoo a Synode and conuocation of all the archebiſſhoppes, biſſhoppes, and other ler- ned men of the clergy of this his realme, to be in lyke maner aſſembled.

And

And for as moche as in the sayde parliament Synode and conuocation; there were certayne articles matters and questions propounded & set forth touching Chastite religion, that is to saye. **F**irst, whether in the moste blessed Sacrament of thaltar remaineth after the consecration, the substance of bread and wyne, or no. **S**econdly, whether it be necessary by goddes lawe, that all men shoulde be communicate with both kyndes or no. **T**hirdly, whether priestes, that is to saye, men dedicate to God by priesthode, maye by the lawe of God, marrye after, or no. **F**ourthly, whether bothe of chastite or wydowed maye to God aduisedly by man or woman, be by the lawe of God to be observed or no. **F**yfthly, whether priuate Masses stande with the lawe of God, and be to be bled and continued in the church and congregation of England, as thinges, wherby good Christen people maye and do receyue bothe godly consolation, and holsome benefytes, or no. **S**ixthly, whether Auricular confession is necessarye to be reteyned, continued, bled, and frequented in the church, or no. **T**he kynge most royall maiestie, most prudently ponderynge and consyderynge, that by occasion of variable and sondry opinions and iudgementes of the sayde articles, great discorde and variance hathen arysen, as well amongst the clergy of this his realme, as amongst a great nombere of the bulgar people, his lounge subiectes of the same: And beyng in a full hope and trust, that a full and perfect resolution of the sayde articles, shulde make a petyte concorde and vnitie generally amonges all his lounge and obedient subiectes, of his most excellent goodnes not onely commaunded, that the sayde articles shulde deliberatly and aduisedly, by his sayde archbysshops, byshops, and other lerned men of his clergie, be debated argued, and reasoned, and their opinions therein to be vnderstand declared & known, but also most graciously bouchesaue, in his owne princely persone, to discende and come into his sayd hyghe courte of Parliament and counsell, and there lyke a prince of most hyghe prudence, and no lesse lernynge, opened and declared many thinges of hygh lernynge and great knowlege, touching the sayd articles matters and questions, for an vnitie to be had in the same. wherupon after a great and longe deliberate and aduised disputation and consultation had and made, concernynge the sayde articles, as well by the consent of the kynges hyghenes, as by thassent of the Loydes spirituall and tempozall, and other lerned men of his clergie in their conuocation, and by the consent of the commons in this present Parliament assembled, it was and is synally resolved accorded and agreed in maner & fourme folowynge. That is to saye. **F**irst, that in the most blessed Sacrament of the altare, by the strength and efficacy of Christes myghty worde (it beyng spoken by the priest) is present really vnder the forme of bread & wyne, the naturall body & bloud of our sauour Jesu Christ, conceived of the virgyn Mary: And that after the consecration there remaineth no substance of bred or wyne nor any other substance, but the substance of Christ, God and man,

CSecondly, that communion in both kyndes, is not necessary *Ad salutem*, by the lawe of God to all persons. And that it is to be beleued & not doubted of, but that in the fleshe, vnder fourme of bred, is the very bloud: and with the bloude, vnder fourme of wyne, is the very fleshe aswell aparte, as thoughe they were both togyther.

CThirde, that priestes, after the order of priesthode receyued, as afore, maye not marye by the lawe of God.

CFourthly, that bowes of chastitie or wydowhed, by man or woman made to God aduisedly, ought to be obserued by the lawe of God: and that it exempteth them froms other liberties of Chyستن people, which without that they might enioye.

CFyftly, that it is mete and necessary, that priuate Masses be continued and admitted in this the kynges Englyshe churche and congregacion, as wherby good Chyستن people, orderynge theym selves accordyngly, do receyue both godly and goodly consolacions and benefytes: and it is agreable also to goddes lawe.

CSixtly, that Auricular confession is expedient and necessary to be reteyned and continued bled and frequented in the church of God. For the whiche most godly study peyne and trauayle of his maiestie, and determination and resolution of the premisses, his moste humble & obedient subiectes, the lordes spirituall and tempozall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, not onely rendre and gyue vnto his hyghenes, their most hyghe and hartly thanks, and thinke them selves most bonden, to praye for the longe continuance of his graces most copall estate, but also beyng desyrous, that his moste godly enterpryse maye be well accomplisshed and brought to a full ende and perfection, and so establisshed, that the same myght be to the honour of God, and after to the common quiete vnitie and concord to be had in the hole body of this realme for ever. Most humbly beseechen his copall maiestie, that the resolution and determination aboue wyten of the sayde articles, maye be establisshed and perpetually persyted by authoritie of this present parliament. It is therfore ordeyned and enacted by the kyng our souerayne lord, the lordes spirituall and tempozall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by the authoritie of the same, that yf any person or persons within this realme of Englande, or any other the kynges dominions, after the. xii. daye of July nexte commynge, by worde, wytyng, unpynting, cyfryng, or in any other wyse, do publyshe, preache, teache saye, asserme, declare, dispute, argue, or hold any opinion, that in the blessed Sacrament of the altare, vnder fourme of bred and wyne (after the consecration therof) there is not present, really, & naturall body and bloude of our sauour Iesu Christ, conceived of the virgyn Marye, or that after the sayd consecration, there remaineth any substance of bred or wyne, or any other substance, but the substance of Christ, God and man. Or after the tyme aboue sayde, publyshe, preache, teache, saye, asserme, declare, dispute, argue, or holde opinion, that in the fleshe,

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*Propter sacramentum
altaris sibi
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vnder fourme of bꝛed, is not the verye bloude of Chꝛiste. ¶ That with the bloude, vnder the fourme of wyne, is not þe verye fleshe of Chꝛist aswell a- parte as though they were both together. ¶ By any of the meanes aboue sayde, oꝛ otherwyse, pꝛeache, teache, declare, oꝛ asserme the sayde Sacra- ment to be of other substance, than is aboue sayde, oꝛ by anye meane con- temne depraue oꝛ despice the sayde blessed Sacrament: that then euerye suche person and persons, so offendinge, their aduours, conforters, counsailours, consentours, and abettours therein, beyng the of conuicted in fourme vnderwriten, by the authoritie aboue sayde, shalbe demed and ad- iudged heretikes. And that euerye suche offence, shalbe aduulged manifeste herely. And that euerye suche offendour and offendours, shal therfoze haue and suffre iudgementes execution peyne and peynes of deeth, by way of bu- rnyng, without anye aburcation clergye oꝛ sepntuaty, to be therfoze permit- ted had allowed admitted, oꝛ suffered. And also shal therfoze forseyte and lese to the kynges hyghenes, his heires and successours, all his oꝛ their ho- nours, manours, castels, landes, tenementes, rentes, reuettions, seruices, possessions, and all other his oꝛ their hereditamentes gooddes and ca- tals, termes and freholdes, what so euer they be, which anye suche offender oꝛ offenders shal haue at the tyme of anye suche offence oꝛ offences, commis- sed oꝛ done, oꝛ at any tyme after, as in any cases of hyghe treason.

¶ And furthermoze be it enacted by the authoritie of this present parlia- ment, that yf any person oꝛ persons, after the sayd. xii. day of July, pꝛeache in any sermon oꝛ collation, openly made to the kynges people: oꝛ teache in anye comunon schole, oꝛ to other congregacion of people: oꝛ beyng called befoze suche iudges, and accoꝛdyng to suche fourme of the lawe, as here- after shalbe declared, do obstinately asserme, vpholde, maynteyne oꝛ de- fende: that the communion of the sayde blessed Sacrament in bothe kyn- des, that is to saye, in fourme of bꝛed and also of wyne, is necessary for the helthe of mans soule, to be gguen oꝛ ministred, oꝛ ought oꝛ shulde be gguen oꝛ ministred to any person in both kyndes. ¶ That it is necessary so to be receyued oꝛ taken by any person (other than by priestes beyng at Masse, and consecrating the same.) ¶ That any man, after the oꝛder of priesthode receyued (as afoze sayde) maye marye, oꝛ maye contracte matrimonye. ¶ That any man oꝛ woman, which aduisedly hath bowed oꝛ pꝛofessed, oꝛ shall bowe oꝛ pꝛofesse chastitie oꝛ wydowhed, maye marye, oꝛ maye contract ma- trimony. ¶ That priuate Masses be not lawfull, oꝛ not laudable, oꝛ shuld not be celebrated had noꝛ vled in this realme, noꝛ be not agreable to the la- wes of God. ¶ That Auricular confession is not expedient and necessarye to be reteyned and continued, vled & frequented in the churche of God. ¶ Yf any priest, after the sayde. xii. day of July, oꝛ any other man oꝛ woman, whiche aduisedly hath bowed, oꝛ after the sayde daye aduisedly do bowe chastitie oꝛ wydowhed, do actually marye oꝛ contract matrimony with any person: that then all and euery person and persons, so pꝛeaching teaching, obstinately assermyng, vpholdyng maynteynyng oꝛ defendyng, oꝛ ma-
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kynges marriage or contratt of matrimony, as is aboue especified, be and shalbe, by authoritie aboue wryten, demed and iudged a felon and felones. And that euery offender in the same, beyng therfore duely conuicted or attemped by the lawes vnderwryten, shall therfore suffre paynes of deeth, as in cases of felony, without any benefite of clergy, or priuilege of church or sanctuary, to him or her to be allowed in that behalfe. And shall forfeyte all his or her landes and goodes, as in cases of felony. And that it shalbe lawfull to the patrone or patrones of any maner of benefice, which any suche offendour, at the tyme of his sayde conuiction or attemped had, to present one other incumbent ther vnto, as yf the same person, so conuicted or attemped, had bene bodily decessed.

¶ Also be it enacted, by the auctoritie afoze sayde, that yf any personne or persons, after the sayde. xii. daye of July, by woide, byptryng, printunge, cyphryng, or other wyse than is aboue rehersted, publyshe, declare or holde opinion, that the sayde communion of the blessed Sacrament, in both kyngdes afoze sayde, is necessary for the helth of mans soule to be gyuen or ministred in both kyndes, and so ought or shoulde be gyuen and ministred to any person, or ought or shoulde be so in bothe kyndes receyued or taken by any person, other than by priestes beyng at Masse, and consecratinge the same, as is afoze sayde. Or that any man, after the order of priesthode receyued, as is afoze sayde, maye marrye, or maye make contratt of matrimony: Or that any man or woman, which aduisedly hath made or shall make a vowe to God of chastitie or wydowhed, maye marrye, or maye make contratt of matrimony. Or that priuate Masses be not lawfull or not laudable, or shulde not be celebrated had nor vsed, nor be agreable to the lawes of God. Or that Auricular confession is not expedient and necessary to be reteigned and continued, vsed and frequented in the church of God: euery person, beyng for any suche offence duely conuicted or attemped by the lawes vnderwryten, shall forfayte & lose to the kynges our soueraigne lord, all his goodes and catalles for euer, and also the profytes of all his landes tenementes annuities fees and offices durynge his lyfe, and all his benefices & spirituall promotions shalbe vtterly boyde: And also shall suffre imprisonment of his body at the will and pleasure of oure sayde soueraygne lord the kyng. And yf any suche person or persones, beyng ones conuict of any the offences mencioned in this article, as is aboue sayde, doo afterwarde eftsones offende in any of the same, and be therof accused indited or presented and conuict agayne by authoritie of the lawes vnderwryten: that then euery suche person and persones, so beyng twyse conuict and attemped of the sayde offences, or of any of them, shalbe adiudged a felon and felons, and shall suffre iudgement execution and paynes of deeth, losse & forfayture of landes and goodes, as in cases of felony, without any priuilege of clergy or sanctuary to be in any wyse permitted admitted or allowed in that behalfe.

¶ Be it further enacted, by the authoritie aboue sayde, that yf any person,

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whiche is oꝛ hath ben a pꝛieste before this pꝛesent parliament, oꝛ dūꝛynge the tyme of sessyon of the same hath maryed, and hath made any contracte of matrimony with any woman, oꝛ that any man oꝛ woman, whiche before the makynge of this acte, aduꝛsedly hath vowed chastite oꝛ wydowhed, before this pꝛesent parliament, oꝛ dūꝛynge the session of the same, hath married oꝛ contracted matrimony with any person: that than euery suche marriage and contracte of matrimonye shall be utterly voyde and of none effecte: And that the oꝛdynaries, within whose diocesse oꝛ iurisdiccions the person oꝛ persons so married oꝛ contracted, is oꝛ be resident oꝛ abyding, shall frome tyme to tyme make separation and deuozces of the sayde marriages and contractes.

¶ And fether it is enacted by the auctozite abouesaid, that if any man, whiche is oꝛ hath ben pꝛieste, as is aforesaid, at any tyme from oꝛ after the sayd xii. day of July next comynge, do carnally kepe oꝛ vse any woman, to whome he is oꝛ hath ben married, oꝛ with whom he hath contracted matrimonye, oꝛ openly be conuersant, kepe companye and familiaritie with any suche woman, to the euill example of other persons: euery suche carnalle vse copulation open conuersation keepng of company and familiaritie, be and shalbe demed and adiudged felony, as wel agens the man as the woman, and that euery such person so offending, shalbe enquired of, tried, punished, suffer lose and forsaite al and euery thing and thinges as other felons made and declared by this acte, and as in case of felony as is aforesaid.

¶ Be it also further enacted by the auctozite aforesaid (not gꝛuyng aduantage oꝛ detriment to any article afoze reherced) that if any man, whiche is oꝛ hath ben pꝛiest, oꝛ hereafter shall be, at any tyme after the sayd xii. daye of July, do carnally vse and accustome any woman, oꝛ kepe her as his concubyne, as by payenge foꝛ her bounde, maynteyning her with money array oꝛ any other gyftes oꝛ meanes, to the euell example of other persones: that than euery suche offender beinge therof duely conuicted oꝛ attaynted by the lawes mencibned in this act, shall forsaite and lose all his goodes and cattalles, benefices, pꝛebendes, and other spiritual promotions and dignities, and also shall haue and suffer imprisonment of his body at the kynges wyll and pleasure. And that euery of the sayd benefices pꝛebendes and other promotions and dignities shall be to all intentes and purposes utterly voyde as if the sayd offender had resigned oꝛ permuted. And if any suche offender oꝛ offenders at any tyme after the sayde conuiction oꝛ attaynder, esteemes committe do oꝛ perpetrate the sayd offences, oꝛ any of theym, next afoze reherced, and be thereof dewely conuicted oꝛ attaynted by the lawes aforesayde: that than all and euerye suche offence and offences shall be demed and adiudged felonye: and the offender oꝛ offenders therein shall suffer paynes of deathe, and loose and forsaite all his and theyr goodes, landes, and tenementes, as in cases of felonye, without haupnge any benefytte of clergie oꝛ laynctuarie.

¶ And be it farther enacted by the auctozite aforesaid, that those women, with

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with whome all and singular of the foresayde prestes shall in anye of the
foresayde woyses have to do. with, or carnally knowe; as is above sayde; shall
have the punishment as the prestes. And be it further enacted, by the auctoritie above sayde, that if any per-
sonne or personnes, at any tyme hereafter, contempt, or contemptuously
refuse, denie, or absterne to be confessed at the tyme commonly accustomed
within this realme & church of England, or coeins, or contemptuously refuse
denie, or absterne to receive the holy and blessed sacrament above sayd, at the
tyme commonly used and accustomed to the same; that then every such
offender, beinge therof duely convicted or attainted by the lawes under-
written, shall suffer such imprisonment, and make such fine and rans-
some to the kynge our soveraigne lord and his heyres, as by his hygheenes,
or by his or their counsell shall be ordered and adjuaged in that behalfe. And
if any such offender or offenders, at any tyme or tymes after the sayde
conviction or attainte, so had, do esteemes contumace, or contemptuously
refuse, denie, or absterne to be confessed, or to be communicate in manner and
forme above written, and be therof duely convicted or attainted by the la-
wes underwritten; that then every such offence shall be deemed and adjuaged
felonye, and the offender or offenders therin shall suffer pynes of death,
and lose and forsaite al his and their goodes landes and tenementes, as in
cases of felonye.

And for full and effectuell execution of the premises before devised or
devysed, and enacted by this act, be it furthermore enacted by the auctoritie
of this present parliament, that immediately after the sayde xx. daye of the
lynere commynge, sondry commissions shall be made, from tyme to tyme, to
every shere of this realme, and waales, and in and to such other places
within the kynges dominions, as shall please his maiestie, to be directed to
the archebysshop or bysshop of the dioces, and to his chauncellour or com-
missary, and to such other persons, as shall be named by his hygheenes, or by
suche other, as his maiestie at his pleasure shall appoynt, to name the same
which archebysshop or bysshop, his chauncellour or commissary, and other per-
sons so to be named, or thre of them at the least, wherof the archebysshop or
bysshop, or his chauncellour or commissary to be one, shall holde and kepe
their sessions within the lymittes of their commission foure severall tymes
of the yere at the leaste, or oftener, if they shall thinke it expedient by their
discretions, and shall have power and auctoritie, by vertue of this act, and
their sayd commission as well to take information and accusation, by the
othes and depositions of two able and lawfull persons at the least, as to en-
quire by the othes of. xii. men, of all and singular the heresies, felonies, con-
temptes, and other offences above written, committed doone or perpetrate
within the lymittes of their commission. And that every such accusation & in-
formation, concerning the matier names surnames & dwelling places of
offenders, & the day yere place & countie, wher & wherin their offences were
committed, shall be of as good force and effect in the lawe, as if the matier
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therde conteyned had bene presented by verone of. xii. men. And neuerthelesse it is further enacted, that every of the sayde archbysshops and bysshops, and every of their chancellours commissaries archdeacons and other officers, havinge any peculier ecclesiastical jurisdiction within this realme of england; or in any other the kynges dominions; shall have full power and authoritie by vertue of this acte, as well to enquire in their visitacions and to charye as these yels: where within their jurisdictions, at any other tyme or place, to take accusations and informations, as is aforesayde, of the heresies felonies contemptes and offences aboue mentioned, done committed or perpetrate within the lymittes of their jurisdiction and authorities. And that every suche accusations informations and presentment, taken or had as is aforesayde, shall be of as good force and effect, as if the matier therein conteyned, had bene presented before the iustices of peace in their sessions. And also that iustices of peace in their sessions, and every steward understeward and depuie of steward, of any lete or lawedaye, in their lete or lawedayes shall haue lyke power and authoritie by vertue of this acte, to enquire by the othes of. xii. lawfull men, of a land singular the heresies felonies contemptes and other offences aboue written done perpetrate or committed within the lymittes of their commissions and authorities.

And it is also enacted by the authoritie aforesayd, that every suche person or persons, afore whome any presentment information or accusation shall be made & taken, as is aforesayd, shall examine the accusours, what other wytnes were by and present at tyme of doyng and committing of the offence, wherof the information accusation or presentment shall be made: and howe manye other than the accusours haue knowledge therof. And shall haue power and authoritie to bynde by recognisaunce, to be taken afore them, as well & sayd accusours, as all suche other persons, to whome the same accusours shall declare to haue knowledge of the offences by them presented or enformed, euery of them in. v. li. to the kynges our soueraigne lord, to appeare before the commissioners, afore whome the offendour or offendours shall be tried, at the daye of the tryall of suche offenders. And that all and singular inditeinentes presentmentes accusations informations and recognisaunces, taken and had as is aforesayde, within. x. dayes next after the taking of the same, shall be certified in due forme by writinge upon parchemyn, by the taker or takers thereof, vnder his or their seales, vnto any one of the sayd commissioners to be appointed as is aforesayde, within the lymittes of whose commission, the heresies felonies contemptes and offences, wherof any suche presentment inditeiment information or accusation shall be taken or had, as is aboue written, shall be committed done & perpetrate. And if any person or persons, which hereafter shall happen to take any suche accusation information presentment or recognisaunces as is aboue sayd, shal take default of the certificat thereof, contrary to the fourme aboue rehearsed: that than euery person and persons

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long, so offence shall be made to our sovereign lord the kynge for a
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C And it is further enacted by the authority above sayde, that the sayde commissioners, or thye of them at the least, as is afore sayde, by vertue of this acte and their commission, shal haue full power and authoritie to make lyke proccesse against every person and persons, indyted, preferred or accused, in forme as is afore remembred, as in letters aforesaid is expresly conten-
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ones, as wel within liberties as without, and the same proccesse to be good
and effectuell in the lawe as in cases of felonye. And upon the apperance of
any of the offendours, shall haue full power and authoritie, by vertue of
this acte, and the sayde commission, to heare and determine the foresayde
heresies, felonies, contempnes and other offences, accordinge to the lawes
of this realme, and the effectes of this acte.

And it is also enacted, by the authority aforesayde, that every of the sayd commissioners, upon any suche accusation, presentment or information, shall endeavour himselfe effectually, without affection, feare or corruption, to apprehende & take the offendours on after the apprehension of any suche offender or offenders, shall have full power & authority to committe them to wards, And that the sayd commissioners, or two of them at the least, shall have full power and authority, to let any person or persons so accused or presented, upon sufficient securities by their discretions, to baile, for their appaurance to be tried accordinge to the tenour fourme and effect of this acte.

¶ And further it is enacted by the authoritie abovesayde, that yf any person or persons, which hereafter shalbe named and assigned, to be commissioners or commissioners, as is abovesayd, be accused, indicted, or presented of or for any the offences abovesayd: that than all and every such commissioner or commissioners, so accused indicted and presented, shalbe examined, put to answer, and tryed of and upon any such offence, according to the tenour and effecte of this acte, before such other person or persons, as it shal please the kynges highnes to name assigne and appoynt by his grace commission, to heare and determine the same.

¶ And it is further enacted, by the authoritie aboue sayde, that no persone nor persons, which at any tyme hereafter, shalbe accused, indicted or persecuted, as is aboue sayde, shalbe admitted to the challenge of any person or persons, which shalbe empannelled for the triall of his or their offence for any matter or cause, other thā for malice or enmitie. In which challenge shal forthwith be tried in lyke maner as other challenges be vsed to be tried in cases of felonpe.

¶ And it is further enacted by the autho^rite abovesayde, that all forreyn
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any declaration in indictment or presentment, or of any of the offences above specified, or of any of them: shall be tried before the same court, and by the jurors whom such person or persons shall be arraigned or put to such issue, and by the jurors that shall take the issue of offence or offences, with such and further words or words.

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¶ And it is further enacted by the authority aforesayde, that all Mayors, Sheriffs, and other officers and ministers, of what name degree or condition soever they be, and every of them, shall from tyme to tyme duly and diligently receive & serve all & all manner the powers preceptes and commandmentes to them or any of them by the said Lord Chancellor or his exors or assigns to be made given or directed, touching or concerning the premises or any part thereof, and that all & every of them be obedient and attendants unto the sayde commandmentes for the furtherance, for the due execution of this present act, or of any thing therein conteyned.

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xxvii. Statute in the first year of the said Edward the sixth. Item, it is enacted, that every personne, whiche shall be named to be a counsellor in the saide commission, after that he hath knowlege therof, shall effectually use his diligence and attendance in and about the execution of the saide commission: And before that he shall take upon him the execution of the same commission, shall take a othe before the lordes chancellours of Englande for the same purpose, or before him or them, to whome the saide lordes chancellours shall direct the bygges writte of Dedimus potestatem, to take the same. (The remoure of whiche othe here after en-
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¶ And it is also enacted by the auctoritie aboue sayde, that the sayde commishoners, and euerie of them shall frome tyme to tyme haue full power & auctoritie, by vertue of this acte, to take in to his or their keepinge and possession, all and all maner of booke, which bene and hath bene or hereafter shal be set forth red or declared within this realme, or other the kynges dominions, wherein is or bene contained or comprised any clause article matter or sentence, repugnant or contrary to the tenour fourme or effect of this present

present act, or any of the articles contained in the same: And the sayd commissioners, or thye of them at the least, to burne, or otherwyle destroye the sayde booke or any part of them, as shalbe the sayde commissioners, or vnto thye of them at the least, shalbe thought expedient by their discretions.

¶ And it is also enacted by the auctoritie abovesayde, that euery person vicar curate or parson priest of euery parson churche within this realme or other the kynges dominions or his or their deputie upon the sonday next after the first daye of September next ensuyng, and so from then forth ones in euery quarter of the yere at the least, shall openly playnely and distinctly rede this present acte in the parson churche, where he is person vicar curate parson priest or deputie, vnto his or their parson than assembled together, to heare diuine seruice. And that euery suche person vicar curate, or parson priest, makynge defaulte of redinge this act, contrary to the fourme aforesayde, shall forsaite vnto oure sayde soueraygne lord, his heires or successours, for euery suche defaulte, xl. s. sterlyng.

¶ Saunge to all singular person and personnes, bodies polyptrike and corporate, their heires and successours, and to the heires and successours of euery of them, (other than all and singular suche person and persons, that shalbe hereafter conuicted or atteynted of or for any of the offences or contempes aboue specified, their heires and successours, and the heires and successours of euery of them) all such right title claime interest entree possession tentes reuertions fees annuities commons offices profits and demaundes what soeuer, as they or any of them haue, or than at the tyme of the sayde conuiction or atteynder had, shall haue of in or to any honours castles lordshippes manours landes tenementes liberties franchises aduousons and other hereditamentes, which any suche person or persons, beyng so conuicted or atteynted, as is aforesayde, had or were intitled to haue at the tyme of their offence or offences committed, or at any tyme after: & that in as ample maner fourme and condition, to al intentes constructions and purposes, as if this act had neuer be had nor made, any thinge conteyned in this acte to the contrary in any wyle notwithstandinge.

¶ Prouyded alwaie, that the lordes shall not haue ne claime any eschetes of any offendour or offendours, that shalbe iudged to be burned by auctoritie of this act.

¶ And bycause dispucions and doubtis myghte perhappis ryse hereafter vpon these wordes in this acte, that is to saye, *Advisedly made to God*, Be it therfore prouided and enacted, by auctoritie aforesayde, that these wordes in the acte, that is to saye, *advisedly made to God*, for bowes of chastitie or wydowhed, shalbe all onely taken expounded and interpreted, to bynde suche person or persons and none other (saunge priestes) to & by the same, which at the tyme of any of their so bowinge (beyng thereto admitted) were or shalbe of the age of. xxi. yeres or aboue, and then dyd or do consente submitte them self or condescende to the same, and continue or continued in ob-

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